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Your Vacation?

EVERYBODY spends a vacation of a week or two somewhere every summer. That is the best vacation which does one the most enduring good in body, mind and spirit. Consider the Summer Missionary Conferences in your vacation plans for the coming summer. Here you will find a week of comradeship in study and play and worship. Every Conference is held in a beautiful location. The congenial fellowship in these delightful surroundings you will always cherish. You will find here physical, mental and spiritual uplift. Here is a vacation with a purpose—one that will keep. Join us this year!



ON THE LAKE AT THE BETHANY PARK CONFERENCE



Summer Missionary Conferences

A New Era in Missionary Education

The theme for mission-study during this coming year is providentially timely. We must all agree that we have reached a crisis in the missionary enterprise. This present crisis is bringing us back to a heart-searching examination of the essential fundamentals of the missionary enterprise and our whole scheme of missionary propaganda. It is essentially fitting that we should have for the theme for mission-study in a time like this a most fundamental one.

“The Essentially Missionary Character of Christianity”

This is the study theme for the coming year. During the Missionary Conferences this summer there will be no Home Missions and no Foreign Missions, but a very serious study of whether anybody can be a Christian at all without being a missionary.

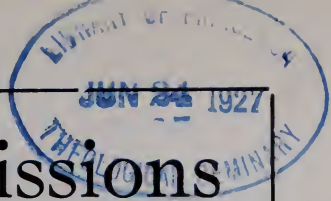
THE CONFERENCE DATES

Hood College.....	Frederick, M. D.....	July 2 to July 8
Bethany Park.....	Indianapolis, Ind.....	July 11 to July 17
Catawba College.....	Salisbury, N. C.....	July 16 to July 22
Kiskiminetas Academy	Saltsburg, Pa.....	July 18 to July 24
Heidelberg College.....	Tiffin, O.....	July 23 to July 29
Ursinus College	Collegeville, Pa.....	Aug. 1 to Aug. 7
Theological Seminary	Lancaster, Pa.....	Aug. 6 to Aug. 12
Mission House	Plymouth, Wis.....	Aug. 15 to Aug. 21

It is not too early to note these dates and make arrangements to attend one of these Conferences.

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The Quiet Hour

JULIA HALL BARTHOLOMEW

My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord: in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up!
—Psalm 5:3.

"The essence of prayer is reinforcement of right desire."

I humbly beseech Thee to abide with me, to reign in me, to make this heart of mine a holy temple, a fit habitation for Thy Divine majesty.
—ST. AUGUSTINE.

Without an effort to explain the wraith
Which we call life, he bade men have in God
Implicit faith. —THERESE LINDSAY.

No man or woman can claim to be cultivated in the true sense of that term unless he or she is a student of the Bible!
—H. GORDON ROSS.

"Surely the Gospels place the whole sacrificial impulse of Christ in the fact that men are the children of God."

He that doeth the will of heaven,
To him shall knowledge and sight be given!
—MARGARET SEEBACH.

"The fact is that when God created man He had a fine soul in mind. He intended a perfect being when He made each one of us. Up to that image we can tend to grow if we will let Christ help us."

Somewhere a bird repeats an obvious thing
Having the courage of sincerity.
—GRACE HAZARD CONKLING.

God does not comfort us to make us comfortable, but to make us comforters.
—J. H. JOWETT.

When we are on the edge of our need, God's hand is stretched out.
—J. R. MILLER.

The effect and object of Christ's love is to produce a relationship between the redeemed soul and God.
—JAMES MOFFATT.

Ah, misery wields such a knife
As kills the beautiful in life.
—ROBIN CHRISTOPHER.

The best things in the life of the nation can be kept only as it gives them away.
—JOHN McDOWELL.

The love of a Christian helps and does what it can for anyone whose life is brought across his path.
—JAMES MOFFATT.

"What if I do with ardor what a thousand could, maybe,
And leave undone forever what was meant for only me?"

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our feverish ways,
Reclothe us in our rightful mind;
In purer lives Thy service find,
In deeper reverence, praise.
—JOHN GREENLEAF WHITTIER.

What, have fear of change from Thee who art ever the same?
Doubt that Thy power can fill the heart that Thy power expands?
—ROBERT BROWNING.

Prayer is losing one's self in mystical communion with the divine.
—HOWARD ROBERT WEIR.

Where do we put Him against the background of the universe? The higher our thought of Jesus the greater is His power over our souls.
—JAMES REID.

Insincerity and frivolity finally eat into the personality and leave it tortured in its disintegration.
—GEORGE A. BUTTRICK.

The Prayer

GRANT us grace, O heavenly Father, to enter Thy rest by Thy forgiveness of our sins, the assurance of Thy Spirit, the perpetual realization of Thy love! Deliver us from ourselves, and reveal to us Thyself! Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

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OUR MOTTO: The Church a Missionary Society—Every Christian a Life Member

THE SUMMER MISSIONARY CONFERENCES

The First Conference

“Many years ago, in the days when the Kingdom of Friendly Citizens was but a name written upon the sands of Galilee, a group of friends, leaving their moored boats and their little ships, held some conferences together. They were all busy men, and sometimes they could find no time save at the end of the day’s work for meeting this Master Friend of theirs. Almost always it was under the sky that they met Him. The stories that He told were all of growing things—lilies and vineyards and little children. And so, along country lanes, up steep mountain paths, by the side of still waters, He led them, talking about another growing

thing—the dream of all His life. For He dreamed a dream of a new order in which all the people of the world would share in a friendly citizenship. And these walks and talks of the long ago were the very beginning of summer conferences.”

—*The Woman’s Press.*

Four Fine Features

Four special features stand out as characteristic of the Summer Missionary Conferences. They are information, inspiration, recreation and association.

Information: This is the predominant feature of the Summer Conference. It is fundamental to all the life of the



DR. HERMAN'S CLASS AT KISKIMINETAS, 1926

Conference. It is the aim of the Department of Missionary Education to make these Summer Conferences increasingly educational, and to fit them into their proper place in the religious educational program of the Church. In pursuance of this plan, the Conferences are being made increasingly educational. The purpose of this is the production of missionary leadership. Information is basic and fundamental to leadership. Therefore, missionary information is the foundation of the Conference.

Inspiration: However, information that is spiritless is quite likely to be useless. Therefore, inspiration will have a prominent place in the Summer Missionary Conference. The purpose of the Conference is set every morning at the devotional hour, and the sunset service and the platform meetings at night are of an inspirational character. Special leaders will have charge of these services, so that they will be vital and cumulative in effect. The best inspirational speakers that could be secured will bring splendid messages. Nor is this purposeless inspiration. Its very definite object is to send the delegates back home with a zeal to carry the Conference into the home church.

Recreation: The Conference locations are all selected with a view of not only providing a place for study and class room work, but also for the purpose of enabling the delegates to have a thoroughly enjoyable time at the Conference. For many of our young people, the Conference days are a portion of their vacation. Every effort is made to provide just as enjoyable a vacation as could be secured elsewhere, and at the same time make it a profitable one. Every afternoon of every Conference is given over absolutely to recreation.

Association: One of the most helpful factors of the Summer Missionary Conferences, as well as one of the most enjoyable, is the opportunity of associating with fine folks of other Churches. There are always a lot of congenial companions of your own age at each of the Summer Conferences. Some of your finest Church friendships will be made

amongst these kindred spirits at the Missionary Conferences. In addition to this, there is the splendid opportunity for the delegates to meet the missionaries and missionary leaders of the Church. One finds that our missionaries are the most human sort of folks. Fine friendship is not the least of the things that you will carry home from the Conferences.

The Daily Doings

The Conference day is a busy one, but an enjoyable one. The different phases of the work are so divided amongst the hours of the day that the general effect is one of completion without weariness.

The forenoons begin with a "Bible Hour" at 8.30, led by one of our outstanding pastors or professors. This morning hour sets the keynote for the Conference. There are two study-hours. The "Major Study Hour" at 9.15 is devoted entirely to the consideration of the current mission-study books. Everybody is required to enter one of these study classes at this period. The "Election Study Hour" is at 10.30, at which time some of the mission-study classes are repeated and other specialized subjects along the line of missionary education and Church work are added. The morning schedule closes with the "Institute Hour" at 11.30, at which time there are discussed "Methods" for missionary education for men, women, young people and children.

The afternoons are given over completely to rest and recreation. Varying according to locations there are games, picnics, hikes, historical pilgrimages, swimming, boating, stunts and parties. As someone has said, "Many young people realize for the first time that religion and merriment are compatible, that Christianity and joy are related, and that gladness is God's will for His children."

The evenings begin with the "Sunset Service" at 6.45. The subject for the Sunset Services of all the Conferences is "Life Stewardship." This matter will be presented to all of the Conferences by recognized leaders. Then at 8.00 there are held the "Platform Meetings," with addresses by home and foreign missionaries, illustrated lectures, motion pic-

tures, and presentation of Missions in some form.

The Conference Sunday is, in many respects, the great day of the Conference, with sermons and addresses by recognized Church leaders.

Many Missionaries

Never in the history of our missionary operations have there been so many of our foreign missionaries at home as at the present time. This is necessitated by the crisis in China. Many of these missionaries will be here at the Summer Missionary Conferences and those who are desirous of having intimate knowledge of interesting transactions in China will do well to get this information first-hand at the Summer Missionary Conferences from the experience of the missionaries. It is too early to state at the present time just which of these missionaries will be at each Conference but everyone may be assured that there will be a fine delegation of missionaries at each of the Summer Missionary Conferences this year.

The Conference Programs

As has already been stated in these columns, we are having this year a new experience in the theme for mission-study. This year there is no particular Home Mission topic and no Foreign Mission topic. The whole theme for mission-study is an essentially fundamental one which has been stated thus: "The Essentially Missionary Character of Christianity." All of us will agree that this is a very timely year for the study of this fundamental theme. The whole sub-

ject of mission-study from both the home as well as the foreign angle is receiving renewed consideration. These are days of changing emphasis and anyone who desires to be intelligently informed of the missionary problem of the Church must become acquainted with these new points of emphasis and contact. At no better place could this result be obtained than at the Summer Missionary Conferences.

A general outline of the programs of the various Conferences will be of interest to those who are thinking of attending. Some of the outstanding features of the various Conferences are as follows:

The Bethany Park Conference meets July 11th to 17th. The Chairman of this Conference of the Mid-West Synod is Rev. G. H. Gebhardt, of Indianapolis. The Executive Secretary is Rev. W. H. Knierim, of Indianapolis. The Conference will be opened with an address by Rev. C. J. G. Russon, the Vice-President. The program for the day begins with the Morning Watch, conducted by Rev. Carl D. Kriete, of Yamagata, Japan. The Bible Hour is in charge of Rev. F. H. Rupnow, of Fort Wayne, Ind. The adult book will be taught by Dr. A. V. Casselman and the young people's book by Miss Helen Trescher, of Cleveland, Ohio. During the Elective Hour, Mrs. H. S. Gekeler, of Cleveland, will teach the woman's book and there will be a class in Religious Education conducted by Miss Nellie Young, of Indianapolis. The Institute Hour for men, women, young people and children will be con-



LANCASTER CONFERENCE MAKES PILGRIMAGE TO THE LITITZ CLOISTER



JAPANESE PAGEANT AT COLLEGEVILLE CONFERENCE

ducted by Rev. N. C. Dittes, Mrs. H. S. Gekeler, Rev. W. H. Knierim and Miss Helen Trescher. The Sunset Services will be in charge of Rev. H. L. V. Shinn, of Indianapolis. The platform meetings will be addressed by missionaries Rev. Carl D. Kriete, of Japan; Rev. Paul E. Keller and Miss Alma Iske, of China; Rev. T. P. Bolliger, D.D., Superintendent of the Department of the Northwest of the Home Mission Board and Dr. A. V. Casselman, Secretary of the Department of Missionary Education. On the Conference Sunday the sermon will be preached by Rev. Charles E. Creitz, D.D., President of the Board of Foreign Missions, and at the great mass meeting in the afternoon, Dr. Creitz will deliver an address on his recent visit to Japan and China.

The Frederick Conference meets July 2nd to 8th. The Chairman of the Conference is Rev. John M. DeChant, of Frederick, Md. Registrations for this Conference should be sent to Dr. A. V. Casselman. On the Conference Sunday the sermon will be delivered by Rev. Samuel H. Stein, D.D., of York, Pa. The Sunset Service for Sunday evening and the week will be conducted by Rev. H. B. Kerschner, of Philadelphia. On Sunday evening, which is the evening before the Fourth of July, there will be an address on "Our Country for Christ," by Rev. Charles E. Schaeffer, D.D., Secretary of the Board of Home Missions. The Frederick Conference has a special feature this year in the fact that it meets over the Fourth of July. On the morning of the Fourth there will be a special patriotic service in the Chapel, after which the regular study classes will be held. In the afternoon there will be a special patriotic celebration; plays and pageants will be given by various delegations and communities. In the evening the Hon. Hammond Urner, Chief Judge of the Sixth Judicial District of Maryland, will deliver a Fourth of July oration. After this there will be a special Fourth of July party, under the auspices of the local committee in Frederick. This ought to make a great day for the Frederick Conference. The Bible Hour every morning will be conducted by the Rev.



DR. CASSELMAN CAUGHT IN ACTION
WITH MOVIE CAMERA

Prof. H. M. J. Klein, Ph.D., of Lancaster, Pa. The adult class in mission-study will be conducted by Dr. A. V. Casselman and the young people's class by Miss Margaret R. Motter. In the Elective Hour there will be a class in "Missions and World Problems," conducted by Dr. Casselman and the woman's book will be taught by Miss Carrie M. Kerschner. A special class in Sunday School Methods will be led by Miss Margaret R. Motter. Class for intermediates and leaders will be led by Miss Alliene S. DeChant and the children's book will be taught by Miss Edna Martin. The Institute Hour for women, young people and children will be conducted by Miss Carrie M. Kerschner, Miss Alliene S. DeChant and Miss Edna Martin. Platform meetings will be addressed by Rev. Carl D. Kriete, of Japan; Rev. J. Frank Bucher, of China; Dr. Allen R. Bartholomew, President of General Synod and Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, and Dr. A. V. Casselman.

The Kiskiminetas Conference meets July 18th to 24th. The Chairman of this Conference is Rev. J. M. Runkle, Ph.D., of Altoona, Pa. Registrations for this Conference should be sent to Mrs. B. A. Wright, Latrobe, Pa. The Conference will be opened with an address by Dr. A. V. Casselman. The morning Bible Hour will be conducted by Rev. Theo. F.

Herman, D.D., of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa. The adult study book will be taught by Dr. A. V. Casselman and the young people's book by Miss Helen Trescher, of Jeannette, Pa. An extra class during the Elective Study Hour will be conducted in Religious Education by Dr. T. F. Herman; in adult leadership by Prof. G. D. Robb, of Altoona, and in woman's work by Mrs. Joseph Levy, of Somerset, Pa.; for the younger folks there will be a class led by Miss Alliene S. DeChant, of Hanover, Pa. The Institute Hour for men, women, young people and children will be conducted by Prof. G. D. Robb, Mrs. Joseph Levy, Miss Alliene S. DeChant and Miss Helen Trescher. The recreation will be under the efficient leadership of Miss Esther King. The Sunset Services will be conducted by Rev. William E. Lampe, Ph.D., Secretary of the Executive Committee of General Synod. The platform meetings will be addressed by missionaries Rev. J. Frank Bucher, of Shenchow, China, and Rev. I. G.

Nace, of Akita, Japan. Rev. Charles R. Zahniser, Ph.D., of the Pittsburgh Council of Churches, will give an address on "The Challenge of the City." There will also be addresses by Rev. Charles E. Schaeffer, D.D., Rev. Allen R. Bartholomew, D.D., and Rev. A. V. Casselman, D.D., of Philadelphia. The Conference Sermon on Sunday will be preached by Rev. Karl A. Stein, of Pittsburgh. On Sunday afternoon there will be a special mass meeting in which a number of missionaries will address the Conference. A special invitation to all congregations in the vicinity is given to attend this Sunday afternoon meeting.

The Tiffin Conference meets July 23rd to 29th. The Conference Chairman is Rev. R. W. Blemker, of Canton, Ohio. Registrations for this Conference should be sent to Mr. Russell G. Frantz, Heidelberg College, Tiffin, Ohio. The Conference will be opened with an address by Rev. Fred D. Wentzel, of Philadelphia, Pa., Director of Leadership Training. The Conference Sermon will be preached on Sunday morning by Rev. F. C. Seitz, D.D., Greensburg, Pa. The evening address will be delivered by Dr. Allen R. Bartholomew, President of General Synod and Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions on "The Present Crisis." The Bible Hour on the theme of "Personal Evangelism" will be conducted by Rev. Carl D. Kriete, of Yamagata, Japan. The adult mission-study book will be taught by Dr. A. V. Casselman, and the young people's book by Rev. Fred D. Wentzel. During the Elective Study Hour the additional classes will be a class in the Science of Leadership conducted by Rev. Fred D. Wentzel and the woman's book, "A Straight Way Toward Tomorrow," conducted by Mrs. H. S. Gekeler, Cleveland, Ohio. The Institute Hour for Men, Young People, Women, and Children will be conducted by Rev. R. W. Blemker, Rev. F. D. Wentzel, Mrs. H. S. Gekeler and Miss Helen Trescher. The platform meetings will be addressed by missionaries Miss Lydia A. Lindsey, of Japan, and Dr. J. Albert Beam, Rev. Paul E. Keller, Dr. William M. Ankeney and Miss Minerva S. Weil, of China.



REV. W. E. TROUP, TIFFIN CONFERENCE
CHAIRMAN, 1926, READY FOR
BALL GAME

Dr. Charles E. Schaeffer will deliver a home missionary address and an illustrated address will be delivered by Dr. A. V. Casselman.

The Colledgeville Conference meets this year August 1st to 7th. Registrations should be sent to Dr. A. V. Casselman, Philadelphia, Pa. It is well to note that Colledgeville precedes Lancaster this year. The Chairman of the Conference is Rev. Paul W. Yoh, of Philadelphia, Pa. The Conference will open with an address by Dr. A. V. Casselman. The Bible Hour of the Conference will be conducted by Rev. J. O. Reagle, D.D., of Mt. Bethel, Pa. The adult mission-study class will be taught by Dr. A. V. Casselman and the young people by Miss Margaret R. Motter. During the Elective Hour there will be a class conducted by Dr. Casselman on "Missions and World Problems" and the woman's book will be taught by Miss Carrie M. Kerschner. Miss Margaret R. Motter, Frederick, Md., will conduct a special class in Sunday School Methods. A class for intermediates and intermediate leaders will be led by Miss Alliene S. DeChant, Hanover, Pa., and the children's book will be taught by Miss Edna Martin, Hanover, Pa. The Institute Hour for women, young people and children will be conducted by Miss Carrie M. Kerschner, Miss Alliene S. DeChant, and Miss Edna Martin. The Sunset Services will be in charge of Rev. Purd E. Deitz, of Philadelphia. The platform meetings will be addressed by Rev. Carl D. Kriete, of Japan; Rev. J. Frank

Bucher and Miss Gertrude B. Hoy, of China. Addresses will also be delivered by Rev. Charles E. Schaeffer, D.D., and Rev. A. V. Casselman, D.D., of Philadelphia. The Sermon for the Conference Sunday will be preached by Rev. J. Hamilton Smith, D.D., Pottstown, Pa., and in the afternoon there will be a musical service under the direction of Prof. W. H. Reese, of Allentown, Pa. The conference will be concluded with an address by Dr. Allen R. Bartholomew, President of General Synod and Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

The Lancaster Conference meets August 6th to 12th. The Chairman of the Conference is Rev. David Dunn, of Harrisburg, Pa. Registrations should be sent to the Department of Missionary Education, Philadelphia, Pa. The opening address will be delivered by Dr. A. V. Casselman. The sermon on Conference Sunday will be preached by Rev. C. E. Creitz, D.D., President of the Board of Foreign Missions. The Sunset Services will be conducted by Rev. R. S. Weiler, Allentown, Pa. The Sunday evening address will be delivered by Dr. Charles E. Schaeffer, Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, Philadelphia. The Bible Hour for the Conference will be conducted by Rev. Prof. O. S. Frantz, D.D., Theological Seminary, Lancaster. The adult class in mission-study will be taught by Dr. A. V. Casselman and the young people by Miss Margaret R. Motter, Frederick, Md. In the Elective

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ERECTING
THE TENT
AT THE
MISSION
HOUSE
CONFERENCE
AFTER
THE STORM
LAST YEAR

Home Missions

CHARLES E. SCHAEFFER, EDITOR

AMERICA'S WORLD MISSION

Homer McMillan

NO nation ever faced such possibilities for weal or for woe as does America in this day when nations are being reborn and civilization is looking to her for guidance.

That God has given to America this primacy among the nations has been affirmed by the profoundest students and philosophers from John Adams to Woodrow Wilson. At the very beginning of our life as an independent nation, John Adams said, "I have always considered the settlement of America as a grand scheme of Providence for the illumination of the ignorant, and the emancipation of enslaved mankind all over the world." President Wilson, in an immortal message, translating the spirit and teachings of Christ in the terms of world-statesmanship, voiced the spirit and purpose of this nation when he declared that America was taking its place with the Allies in the Great War not for conquest but for humanity.

Two-thirds of the human race are in transition. Countless millions are breaking with the Old World civilizations and customs, and are turning to Western learning and ideals. Never were the principles of American liberty and of human freedom so valued, so patterned and so triumphant among the nations.

Is America prepared for her divinely appointed mission as world leader and teacher? She has the material wealth and the physical resources for the evangelization of the world, but has America the moral resources and the spiritual power that all her contacts with other nations and peoples shall be healing and helpful?

It is said that before the World War 26 nations had become republics, following the *political* example of the United

States. Has any nation ever become Christian because of her *religious* example?

Can America say to China and the other new republics that are struggling against age-long oppression in the effort to establish a government of freedom, "Build on Jesus Christ," when more than two-thirds of all our people are outside the enumerated Christian ranks, Protestant or Catholic, and who, if they are believers, do not think enough of Christ and His program for the world to unite with His church?

Can America commend the Bible to other nations as the Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice, when from many of the schools of this land the Bible has been banished, and more than 27,000,000 Protestant young people, the future leaders of the Republic, are growing up without any religious instruction?

Can America preach law and order to Mexico and Russia when it is stated by the American Bar Association that we have more laws and less observance than any other civilized people, and when wrong-doing reaches even to the high places of our government?

Can America urge Sabbath observance upon other nations when 4,000,000 of our people are making merchandise of the Lord's day, and twenty times 4,000,000 are spending the day in mere worldly pleasure-seeking?

Can America urge upon heathen nations the sanctity of the Home, and the marriage relation, when 3000 anti-Christian American Mormon missionaries are going up and down this country, and to nations beyond the sea?

It is said that the great guns in the army and navy are 1500 times heavier

than the projectiles they shoot. The same is true of a nation, a church, or a man. The life must not contradict the message.

Dr. Josiah Strong said: "If our American Christianity cannot purify our politics and elevate our ethical standards of business and establish just relations between races and classes in our own midst, with our increased facility of communication, which is making the whole world a neighborhood and publishing our national sins on the heathen housetop, this failure will soon paralyze our missionary efforts in all the world and subject our missionaries to the taunt, 'Go back to America, and first cast the beam out of the eyes of your own countrymen and then come and cast the mote out of ours.'"

What the world has been waiting for through the centuries is a sample Christian nation. America has the best chance of being that sample. She is as a city set on a hill. Toward America the compass of every ship on all the seas is set.

The greatest service the Church of Christ can render America and the world is a vigorous and sustained campaign of Home Missions, to lift the whole level of our Christian living and make our national testimony count for Christ and His Kingdom throughout the world.

"America, America!

God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea."

NOTES

Rev. A. Bakay, pastor of the Hungarian Mission at Akron, Ohio, reports: "The Lenten and Easter seasons have been occasions of edifying and inspiring influences in our Mission. During Lent at the morning services a series of sermons was preached on the theme, 'Forgiveness.' At the evening services and also during Passion Week we used Dr. Darms' meditations, 'With Christ Through Lent.' These occasions have shown the possibility of our Mission to grow and advance in this field."

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The month of April was a great one for Trinity Mission, Detroit, Michigan, of which Rev. F. W. Bald is the pastor. Forty-five new members were received. The aggregate attendances have been from 700 to 1200 per Sunday. Sunday school has reached 539.

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No Sabbath means no Church;
No Church means no worship;
No worship means no religion;
No religion means no morality;
No morality means no society;
No society means no government;
No government means anarchy."—
Bishop Gore.

(Taken from the Calendar of Trinity Mission, Detroit, Michigan.)

Practically all the reports from the Missionaries for the month of April were glowing ones. Many additions to the membership are reported and in the majority of cases they say, "Our apportionment is paid in full." Special services were held during Lent in most of the congregations and there seems to be a fine spirit everywhere.

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One of our Missionaries, however, found the month of April, to use his own words, "a terrible month of over-flooding." This faithful pastor is Rev. R. Steiner, at Marvell, Arkansas. The flood came just to his barn in the garden and the surrounding country was like a lake. One Sunday it was impossible to reach the schoolhouse where the people of this community worship. Many of the flood refugees are camping in the vicinity.

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The Rev. James W. Bright, Missionary of David's Reformed Church, Dayton, Ohio, reports: "We experienced a wonderful Easter season and paid our apportionment in full for the first time in nine years and the first time in a century from the regular envelope offerings. The Easter offering was over \$300. The congregation voted unanimously to launch a \$10,000 remodeling program at

once. All this augurs well for the future."

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On Sunday, April 3rd, Grace Mission, Kohler, Wisconsin, of which the Rev. E. A. Katterhenry is the pastor, dedicated its beautiful new church. The sermon was preached at the morning service by Rev. J. M. G. Darms, D. D., of the Mission House, and in the afternoon by Rev. E. G. Krampe, D. D., the first pastor of Grace Church. It was under his care that this congregation was started in January, 1924, in the Kohler Village Hall, where services have been held up to this time. Professor Frank Grether also assisted in the afternoon service and preached the German sermon. The evening service was in charge of the Mission House. The sermon was delivered by Professor Hessert and the music was furnished by the Mission House Troubadors. This congregation has shown a splendid spirit from the very beginning. "For a congregation when only two and a half years old to undertake to build a new church costing over \$30,000 is truly a venture in faith in the fullest sense of the word. . . . With the dedication of its new building, Grace Church enters upon its existence as a permanent functioning institution of Kohler Village and community. . . . May it serve in the community as a tower of righteousness, for the Glory of God and the salvation of souls!"

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The annual retreat at Northfield for the evangelistic forces of the country will be held June 22nd to 24th at the Northfield Hotel, East Northfield, Mass. This retreat is conducted under the auspices of the Commission on Evangelism and Life Service of the Federal Council. The program promises to be exceedingly helpful. Dr. C. W. Gordon (Ralph Conner) has been secured to bring a deeply spiritual message. Several other outstanding men will be on the program. Ample time will be reserved for the discussion of practical problems of Evangelism.

Teach us day by day what Thou wouldst have us do, and give us grace and power to fulfill the same.

—HENRY ALFORD.

The Question Box

(A number of questions were received during the past month. We solicit readers of THE OUTLOOK OF MISSIONS to send in others.)

Q. What plan has the Board of Home Missions to redeem its coupon bonds?

A. The Board is selling serial coupon bonds in denominations of \$100, \$500 and \$1,000, bearing 5 per cent. interest and non-taxable. Already \$100,000 worth of these bonds have been sold. The Board is establishing a Sinking Fund whereby it will be able to pay both the interest when due and the bonds themselves upon maturity.

Q. How does the Board of Home Missions know the kind of work its Missionaries are doing?

A. The Board through its Departmental Superintendents tries to keep in very close touch with the Missionaries. Frequent visits to the Missions are made by these Superintendents. The Missionaries also furnish every month a letter to the General Secretary telling him about their work. They also fill out quarterly report blanks and an annual report blank. The questions on these quarterly and annual reports are intended to cover practically the entire field of activity. Mutual confidence and Christian fellowship prevail between the Board and its Missionaries.

Q. Do the Missionaries receive the same appropriation from the Board from year to year?

A. By no means. In proportion as the Mission itself is able to pay towards the Missionary's salary the Board decreases its appropriation. It expects every Mission to assume a larger share of the salary each year and thus relieve the Board to that amount. The same appropriation from year to year would indicate little progress on the part of the Mission and would not enable the Board to reach out into new fields unless the Church at large responded more generously.

WHO'S WHO AT THE SCHWARZWALD CONFERENCE

June 14th to June 17th

Prof. William V. Dennis—Associate professor in Department of Rural Economics, Pennsylvania State College. In charge of Rural Sociology. Inspirer of hundreds of teachers, county agents and progressive community leaders in rural Pennsylvania. The chief inspiration to your superintendent of the Department of Country Life to enter this field of service. He will give the key-note address of the conference at the opening session on the Rural Life Situation and Problem. One of the most inspiring speakers the writer has ever heard.

Dr. C. J. Galpin—United States Department of Agriculture. Economist in charge of Division of Farm Population and Rural Life since 1919. Previously in the Department of Agricultural Economics of the University of Wisconsin. Author of numerous books on country life, including *Rural Life*, *Rural Social Problems*, *Empty Churches*, etc. He understands, perhaps better than any other rural life leader, the problems of country life and the possible solutions. He will address the conference on some phase of the rural life situation, of his own choosing. A most interesting speaker.

Dr. H. A. Surface—Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania. Professor of Biology. Formerly with the State Department of Agriculture of Pennsylvania and associated with the United States Department of Agriculture. Popular farmers' institute lecturer. He will be remembered by some as the man who delivered a series of five lectures last summer at the Lancaster Summer School of Theology, on the subject, "Science and Religion for Country People." He will address the conference on the subject, "The Inspiration and Economics of God in Nature." He has also agreed to lead a short walk through the neighboring woods to point out to the conference the beauty of nature and the evidences of God and His power all about rural people. A fascinating speaker.

Dr. M. A. Dawber—Director of the

Rural Church Department of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Administrator of more than a million dollars of mission funds for rural churches. Formerly professor in Rural Sociology at Boston University. Popular lecturer at the summer schools for rural pastors throughout the country. Dean of the Ohio State Summer School for Rural Pastors. He will address the conference on the subject, "The Rightful Sphere of the Rural Church." A very interesting speaker and a most versatile leader.

Dr. L. H. Dennis—Deputy Superintendent of the Pennsylvania Department of Public Instruction. Expert assistant in agricultural education 1912 to 1918—state director of agricultural education 1918 to 1920—state director of vocational education since 1920. He is thoroughly familiar with the educational situation and problems of rural America and is a noted leader in this field. He will address the conference on the educational situation of rural America. A brother to Prof. William V. Dennis. He is a most influential leader from whom we may expect a most inspiring message.

Mr. Malcolm Dana—Student at the Hartford Theological Seminary, Hartford, Connecticut, and member of the staff of a Congregational Larger Parish in Rural New England. He has had several years' experience in the Larger Parish work and is a most inspiring speaker on the subject of the Larger Parish in Principle and Practice, on which subject he will address the conference. To his direct experience is added very close contact with his father, Dr. Malcolm Dana, who is in charge of the Rural Department of the Congregational Church.

Mr. F. B. Bennett—Graduate student and assistant instructor in the Department of Rural Education at the Pennsylvania State College. A wide experience in teaching and recreation leadership. He will have charge of the recreational periods of the conference which will be given a prominent place on the program.

Mrs. Chas. I. Lau—Pastor's wife and assistant in the Lytton-Ai Community Charge (Ohio) supported by our Board of Home Missions. She is an artist in dramatic and literary expression. She will be remembered as the author of a standard for dramatics in the rural community. She will address the conference on the subject of "Dramatics."

Mr. Chas. S. Adams—County Agent of the Berks County Farm Bureau since 1914. Superintendent of one of the local Sunday Schools. Formerly president of the County Sunday School Association. Secretary of the local Sunday School Council. Leader in the religious life of the Schwarzwald Community. He will address the conference on the work and services of the Farm Bureau and the County Agents.

Mr. Chas. W. Kline—Farmer and rural school teacher. President of the local Sunday School Council, which is exercising great leadership in the religious education program of the community. He will address the conference on "The Serv-

ices and Possibilities of the Sunday School Council."

Mr. W. S. Adams—Manager of the St. Lawrence Dairy Co., Reading, Pennsylvania. Leader in the social and economic life of the Schwarzwald Community. He will address the conference on "The Exeter Memorial Association," the organization which serves as the host of this conference.

Prof. W. R. Gordon—Extension Expert on Community Life and Organization of the Pennsylvania State College. He is preparing the local community for the entertainment features of the conference program, including the pageant, plays and general reception. Due to a conflict of dates, he will be unable to be present at the conference itself, but he is rendering wonderful service at this time in the preparations for the same.

Mr. R. S. Adams—Superintendent of the Department of Country Life, who will be in charge of the conference and will lead the discussions.

THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS AND OVERCHURCHING IN RURAL FIELDS

Whereas the Department of Country Life of this Board was constituted for the purpose of analyzing the needs of country churches and the communities which they serve, throughout our denomination.

And, whereas an increasing number of rural charges are appealing to this Department and to the Board for mission aid;

And, whereas a large number of these charges are in territory which is sadly over-churched so that the spiritual welfare of the community is seriously impaired as a consequence;

Be it resolved that—

1. The Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States hereby goes on record as being unequivocally opposed to the use of mission funds for the establishment, equipment or maintenance of competitive enterprises.

2. The Board adopts as their interpretation of an over-churched field in the

Town and Country area, Exhibit A of the report of January, 1926, of the special joint committee on Comity of the Home Missions Council and the Council of Women for Home Missions.

(Exhibit A referred to above, follows the resolutions in this issue.)

3. The Board will enroll new rural charges only on the basis of the above standard after a careful study of the fields proposed for enrollment.

4. All newly enrolled rural charges be required to adopt as the goal toward which they will consciously strive, the minimum par-standard of church efficiency as prepared and adopted by the Home Missions Council and Council of Women for Home Missions, and that a time limit of five or seven years for the attainment of this goal be set;

(This goal in wall-chart size can be purchased from your Department of Country Life for 15c.)

5. Pastors be challenged to the pastorate of such enrolled rural fields in

the hope of remaining at least five years, and that a salary be offered which will attract and hold men of large ability;

6. The rural pastors assigned to fields enrolled as above be sent by the Board of Home Missions, on a scholarship basis, to an approved summer school for rural pastors for at least three summers, and that said pastor understand upon election to the field that such attendance is required within the first five years of their service;

7. The Board may apply as soon as advisable and possible the same standards and requirements to rural and small town charges already enrolled for mission support.

8. Publicity be given throughout the church to these adopted policies regarding the home missions work in rural territory.

Submitted by
RALPH S. ADAMS,
Supt. Dept. of Country Life.

Adopted April 22, 1927, by Executive Committee of the Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, as the accepted policy of the Board.

Motion also to appoint Committee on Comity of the Board to co-operate with the Comity Committee of the Council of Home Missions.

FROM THE 1926 REPORT OF THE COMITY COMMITTEE OF THE HOME MISSIONS COUNCILS

EXHIBIT A

Comity Principle Applicable to English-Speaking Work in the Town and Country Field.

1. A field shall be regarded as adequately occupied when, for each 1,000 population, homogeneous as to language and color and reasonably accessible from a given point, there is present one church meeting at least the following minimum standard of service and equipment:

Resident pastor devoting full time to work of the ministry.

Public worship every Sabbath.

Sunday school meeting regularly.

Edifice reasonably adequate to needs of the community for worship, religious training and service.

provided that where a church has or is proposed to have the exclusive occupancy of a field it will receive in Christian fellowship all varieties of Evangelical Christians without subjecting them to doctrinal or other tests which do not accord with the standards of their respective faiths.

2. Conversely, a condition of over-churching and competition shall be held to exist where the number of churches in the community exceeds the above ratio if at least one church per 1,000 people maintains this minimum standard of service and equipment.

3. Where, within the terms of this definition, an aided church is maintained in competition with a self-supporting church (i. e., a church which draws a current support exclusively from the given community), the latter, if it meets the minimum standard shall be regarded as entitled to the field and the grant in aid to the competing church should be annually decreased looking to the complete cessation of aid at the end of three years.

4. Where no one of the churches in an over-churched community is self-supporting as above defined, the denominations concerned should confer at once to determine what church should be asked to undertake the responsibility of maintaining at least the minimum standard of service and equipment in that community (except that if one of such aided churches now maintains the minimum standard it shall be regarded as entitled to the field, and aid should be withdrawn from the others as indicated under "3" above).

The following alternative methods of adjustment are generally recognized as applicable under these circumstances:

The unconditional withdrawal of one denomination in favor of the other,
or

The withdrawal of one denomination in favor of the other on the basis of a reciprocal exchange (i. e., favoring the withdrawing denomination in another community), or

The withdrawal of both in favor of a third not now present, or the formation of a federated or community church.

5. No new enterprise should be initiated with missionary support in contravention of the above principles.

6. Mission aid for building purposes should not be given a competing church as above defined.

7. In the expenditure of missionary money in the Town and Country field the following objects should be regarded as of primary importance:

(a) As a first responsibility to build up the highest type of service standard for each church which now has or which is proposed to have the exclusive responsibility for a field. (For this purpose, the simplified Par Standard as worked out by the Committee on Town and Country is recommended.)

(b) To strengthen particularly for demonstration purposes, churches which face situations of unusual difficulty or unusual strategic importance.

(c) Adequately to occupy now unoccupied communities and to serve now unreached populations.

8. Where the work of a given church is to be discontinued, the policy should be definitely to dissolve its organization and unite its membership with other existing churches.

9. As a step on the way to complete co-operation, competition is held to be particularly unjustifiable if between churches belonging to the same one of the following recognized groups:

(1) Liturgical churches;

(2) Churches practicing the baptism of believers only;

(3) Churches of other denominations represented in these Councils.

10. Each mission board or agency is urged immediately to undertake a study of its aided churches to determine where competition as above defined exists.

SUMMER CONFERENCE

The third annual Conference on International, Economic-Industrial and Family Relations and Educational Method will be held on the campus of Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Michigan, August 1-27. At this Conference the discussion method will be used throughout and the themes will be discussed as follows: International Relations, August 1-7; Economic-Industrial Relations, August 8-14; Family Relations, August 15-21; Educational Method, August 22-27. The Conference is held under the auspices of the Fellowship for a Christian Social Order, of which Sherwood Eddy is chairman of the National Committee; Kirby Page, chairman of the Executive Committee; and Amy Blanche Greene, executive secretary, 347 Madison Avenue, New York City. Twenty-three outstanding men and women of expert knowledge or experience are listed to contribute democratically, as called upon, to the discussion of the several themes during the Conference. Concerning the Conference last year,

which was held at Olivet, Mich., "The Churchman" for September 25, 1926, said: "The spirit of the Conference was a very beautiful thing. It proved possible for men and women, young and old, of different religions, and of varying shades of thought, to meet together and seek earnestly for the root causes of some of the mistakes and ills of modern society, without the slightest tinge of acrimony or bitterness and with the hope that, ultimately, the life once lived in Galilee may become the accepted life of men. If we are to have a Christian social order in race relations through the efforts of this generation, certainly the Olivet Conference method of discussion and friendly contact between racial groups has a large contribution to make."

No man is truly happy who must depend on outside things for his happiness. Success that is blazoned in the press and praised by all does not come from direct approach . . . only from and by the development of stalwart manhood.

—ELIHU ROOT.

FAITH MISSION, STATE COLLEGE, PA.

Rev. Wm. F. DeLong, Field Secretary

ONE frequently hears the statement "that when a young man or woman leaves home for college, he or she is lost to the church." This, we believe, is rather a strong statement. But if it be true, whose fault is it? Can we place the blame entirely upon the student? Has the Church done her full duty in ministering to the student, in this rather peculiar generation? Here is a real problem. The Church faces a crucial test on the college campus. The Church must not fail in the solution of this problem.

We are informed, upon good authority, that 68 per cent of the leaders in the affairs of the Nation are college graduates. Are these leaders with and in the Church or against it? In an article on "Atheism in Our Institutions of Learn-

ing," in a recent number of "The World's Work," we are told of the tremendous amount of work done by a national atheistic organization. Is the Church as zealous to have these young people within its fold as is this atheistic organization? These young people receive splendid physical and intellectual equipment. The spiritual is of no less importance. Here is where victory counts for most.

At State College, in Center County, Pennsylvania, there are 302 Reformed students and professors. These come from Reformed homes in Pennsylvania. We have no institution under the care of the Church that has that many Reformed students. In the town of State College we have Faith Mission, with a membership of about 190 people apart from this



REFORMED CHURCH PROFESSORS AND STUDENTS AT MOTHER'S DAY SERVICES IN FAITH MISSION, STATE COLLEGE, PA.

student body. Our equipment there consists of a small frame chapel, seating about 160 people. The equipment does not meet the needs of the congregation, to say nothing about the student body.

Through the influence of Rev. E. H. Romig, the pastor at State College, 232 of the 302 students have signed cards signifying their desire to attend services at Faith Mission at least once a Sunday. The average attendance per service is over one hundred. Between one hundred and one hundred and fifty students commune at Faith each communion service. From this you can see that the students are willing to come, but the work of Faith Church is tremendously handicapped because of its very inadequate equipment.

Other denominations are doing a fine student work at State College, among them the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches. Both of these have large equipments, with regular student pastors and special appropriations for this work from their church judicatories.

The Episcopal Church, with a student population no larger than ours, is engaged in placing an equipment at State College costing \$160,000. Recently that church had a campaign on in Pennsylvania for the above amount and at this writing have all but \$3,000. The Episcopal Church considers it the greatest missionary project in Pennsylvania.

The young people at State College coming from our Church are just as fine a type as those from other churches. Perhaps we cannot place as fine an equipment at State College as have the other churches. But surely the Reformed Church dare not close her eyes to this challenge.

The Board of Home Missions, at its meeting in April, decided to erect a church at State College that will take care of this student body and be an honor to the denomination. In part this church shall be placed there by the congregations in Pennsylvania. We have 936 congregations with a combined membership of 212,827 in this old Keystone State. The Board does not propose to come with any special campaign, but to make this the challenge for Home Mis-



CHURCH HOUSE OF FAITH MISSION AT STATE COLLEGE, PA.

sion Day in November to the congregations in Pennsylvania. Home Mission Day is a day set apart by the General Synod to be observed annually the second Sunday in November. By making this the challenge on that day we avoid an extra appeal. It will mean about 35 cents per capita. Surely this is not an impossible goal. When the time comes may we put this across 100 per cent.

More to follow later. In the meantime, talk about it, and if you wish to ask any questions, write to Headquarters in Philadelphia.

OBSERVATIONS OF THE TREASURER

J. S. Wise

IN the springtime of each year those of us holding Board offices find ourselves face to face with four or five weeks of hard and strenuous work. The uninitiated might not think it so, but after the novelty has worn off, "Classical visitation" is by no means a picnic. To the Board officer it is one grand chase from one classis to another. It means early rising and late retiring; feverish haste to catch trains, trolleys, busses, or perchance, a long auto ride "up hill and down dale" over very rutty and bumpy roads. No matter what the experience may be, the said officer must be ever ready to "greet the brethren" with a pleasant smile and a hearty handshake.

For the last sixteen years I have had a part in many of these annual meetings. In spite of the personal inconvenience and the drain upon my vitality, I must

say that, in the main, I have enjoyed them very much. I have made very warm, personal friends and have been entertained in very many homes in all sections of the country. The humdrum of travel is, therefore, often alleviated by the congenial fellowship of both old and new friends and acquaintances. These social contacts not only compensate for one's discomforts, but often for one's disappointments and discouragements over the sometimes harsh criticisms and seemingly unjust accusations that are frequently made by uninformed members of the Classis.

I am writing this on the eve of my annual rounds. As many of the Classes have been assigned to each of our Superintendents as it is possible for them to reach. Every effort has been made to avoid overlapping. It is not always possible to prevent this. Sometimes it is found desirable to have two or even more of our representatives to visit the same Classis. This is never done, however, if it can be avoided. There are often side meetings or conferences to be held with Classical delegates and the expense is therefore less than if they were convened at another time and place. This is usually the case at the annual meetings of the District Synods and will explain why three or four representatives of the Board often attend them. On such occasions I often "kill a half dozen birds with one stone."

The Classical meetings are always fraught with much interest to us. It is there that we ascertain the pulse of the Church. When we are praised for work well done we go on our way rejoicing. Kindly and constructive criticism has the same effect. But when we are kicked and buffeted about, we go on our way saddened and chagrined. Of course, I do not mean that we are literally kicked and buffeted. But after all of our efforts to do our very best and when we know that we have been faithful to that which the Church has committed to us, I feel sure that an actual kick, or even two kicks, would be preferable to the enforced smile we must assume while listening to the very polite comments that

are often made about our work or the Board we represent.

Sometime ago I listened to a public criticism of the Board made by one whose accusations dated back at least twenty years. This good brother has been nursing alleged grievances for which the present Board was in no wise responsible. There would, of course, be no objection were he to continue to nurse them, but just why that should be a legitimate excuse for the several congregations of his charge to fall down on their apportionments, year after year, I fail to see. It would be far better were he to catch up with the Church and inform himself about the wonderful and gratifying achievements of the Board, especially during the last twenty years. I am quite sure he would tell a different story. And furthermore, his congregations would write some delightful new pages of history. These lines are the partial results of past experience, and in order that I may not be accused of nursing events of twenty years ago, I want to turn now to that which is before me.

I believe that the coming meetings of the Classes will be of more than usual interest. I believe that there prevails a strong desire among the majority of our leading ministers and laymen to face squarely the tremendous problems with which our Mission Boards are grappling. The Reformed Church, in spite of its glorious history, has never assumed its full share of responsibility toward Christianizing America. The Board of Home Missions feels this quite keenly. The task has been laid upon its shoulders. I believe our entire membership wants the Board to be aggressive and go on with the job. If it could be done without additional cost everybody would be happy. Unfortunately, that cannot be done. I am, therefore, hoping and praying that a fair and sympathetic hearing will be given to Home Missions on the floor of every Classis, and that every effort will be made to meet the Board's needs. I am looking forward to a real advance in Home Mission endeavor, as well as much encouragement for the work of the Board and our Lord's Kingdom in America.

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS

April 22, 1927

AT the quarterly meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Home Missions, which was held at headquarters, Philadelphia, Pa., on April 22d, much time was given to full and constructive discussion of the many problems with which the Board is confronted. The usual routine matters were also given attention.

The following resignations were accepted: Rev. C. E. Hess, Bellerose, L. I., N. Y.; Rev. E. P. Nuss, Appleton, Wisconsin; Rev. Paul Sommerlatte, Missionary for Canada; Rev. John Gatermann, Barneveld, Wis.; Rev. Armin H. Tendick, Belden, Nebraska; Rev. Diedrick Buelter, Beulah, N. D.; Rev. Francis C. Schlater, assistant pastor, Trinity, Detroit, Mich.; Rev. Elam J. Snyder, Tabor, Philadelphia; Rev. Ira Gass, West Milton, Pa.; Rev. Andrew Kovachs, Ethel Logan, W. Va.

The following were commissioned as Missionaries under the Board: Student A. H. Schmueszer for Maywood, Chicago, Ill.; Student James Gilbert for Zion Congregation, near Dayton, Ohio; Rev. A. H. Tendick for Omaha, Neb.; Rev. E. W. Kruse for Hale Memorial, Dayton, Ohio; Rev. J. Stanley Richards for Dewey Avenue, Rochester, N. Y.; Student Howard F. Boyer for St. Stephens, York, Pa.; Rev. J. Wade Huffman for Roanoke, Va.; Student Samuel Givler, Jr., for the Rosedale Charge, Pa.; Student Wilmer H. Long for the Sabillasville Charge, Md.; Rev. Charles Kovacs for Hungarian, Tonawanda, N. Y.; Rev. Michael Kovacs for Hungarian, Gary, Ind.; Rev. Charles Krivulka for Hungarian, Ashtabula, Ohio; Rev. E. F. Franz for Appleton, Wis.; Student Anthony Szabo for Hungarian, San Francisco, Cal.; Rev. Alex Toth for Hungarian, Racine, Wis.

The following new Missions were enrolled: New Middleton Charge, Ky.; Hungarian, San Francisco, Cal.; Hungarian, Racine, Wisconsin; Faith, York, Pa.

Many financial requests came before the Board, but because of the already heavy indebtedness it was not possible to grant all the requests; however, the Mission at Greensboro, N. C., is to be helped in the purchase of a property for a future relocation of its work; the purchase of lots on which the chapel is located was authorized for the Mission at Bellerose, L. I., N. Y.; endorsement of a mortgage loan for the First Church, Winston-Salem, N. C., was authorized; the Mission at St. Joseph, Mo., was given a grant towards its parsonage; the West Side Hungarian Mission at Buffalo, N. Y., was granted a loan as was also the Second Church, Lexington, N. C.; certain grants for payment of interest and exoneration of interest were made for Roanoke, Va.; Third, Greensburg, Pa.; Salem, Altoona, Pa.; permission was given to the State Street Hungarian Church, Bridgeport, Conn., to place a mortgage on its property; and Trinity Mission, Detroit, Michigan, was given permission to purchase additional property which they will finance themselves; plans were approved and authorized for a new church at Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. The Missions at State College, Pa.; Columbus, Ohio, and Roanoke, Va., will be taken care of through the Home Mission Day for 1927. The Reformed Congregations in the State of Pennsylvania and in the New York and West New York Classes will be asked to contribute their offerings on Home Mission Day for a splendid new church at State College, Pa., where there are about 300 Reformed students, whose needs should be adequately met. The Reformed congregations in Ohio and in the Midwest and Northwest Synods will be asked to give their offerings for the Wilson Avenue Mission in Columbus, Ohio, in order that it may complete its plant and properly equip itself for modern church work and reach the Reformed Students attending the State University in the capital city of Ohio. The Reformed congregations

south of the Mason and Dixon Line, namely, those in Baltimore-Washington, Maryland, Virginia and North Carolina Classes, will be asked to give their offerings for the Mission at Roanoke, Virginia, which has recently relocated and put up a fine new building, but which has a debt above its ability to finance.

The General Secretary, Dr. Charles E. Schaeffer, reviewed the work of the quarter, of which one of the outstanding events was the installation service for Dr. Rufus C. Zartman, Superintendent of the Department of Evangelism, which was held in Trinity Reformed Church, Canton, Ohio, on April 3rd. Dr. Schaeffer stated: "Evangelism should receive a fresh impetus in our Church and if the plans which are being formulated can be worked out successfully, they will be practically the first of this character to be put into operation." In the work of Social Service the major emphasis for the present is being placed upon the inspirational and educational features and the details are to be carried out by the local congregations in a given community. In the Department of Country Life, Superintendent Adams has been making arrangements for the Conference to be held at Schwarzwald, Pa., June 14th to 17th, to cover the Eastern portion of our Church. The Department has been active in securing valuable information through a questionnaire sent out to all the rural pastors with a view of ascertaining information on pastors' salaries and their problems of living. The material may later be put into bulletin form and given larger publicity. To quote from Dr. Schaeffer's report: "It will be observed that these three phases of work, namely, Evangelism, Social Service and Country Life, are reaching in their operations beyond the Missions on our roll and necessarily relate themselves to the entire denomination. This emphasis is producing a change in our Home Mission policy and is showing the trend which Home Mission work begins to assume. More and more will the emphasis be placed upon the vitalizing of the already existing congregations rather than the establishment and support of new churches. Many people, ministers and laymen are contending that we have

almost enough Protestant congregations and the problem now is to bring the existing organizations to the highest point of efficiency. . . . The Missionary leaders are sensing this problem and are seeking to make a readjustment of some kind. Our own Superintendent Mullan has been interested in effecting a merger between a Reformed and Lutheran Church at Alvira, which is a part of our Montgomery Mission; also in uniting two of our Churches in the City of Baltimore, St. Luke's and St. John's; and has recommended a federated charge of two Reformed Churches and one Presbyterian Church under the auspices of the Pennsylvania Council of Churches. In spite of this emerging policy we must not cease the establishment of new interests entirely. New Mission fields present themselves in various communities, such as in the suburban sections of Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore, Johnstown, Chicago, Detroit and elsewhere."

In his report Dr. Schaeffer referred to the fact that there are very few vacancies among our Missions at the present time. Six new buildings were completed during the quarter. In seven other congregations building operations are still going forward and for five others plans are being consummated. During the quarter the following buildings were dedicated: Glenside, Philadelphia; Calvary, Bethlehem, Pa.; St. Mark's, Baltimore, Md.; Emanuel, York, Pa., and Seventeenth Avenue Community Church, Denver, Colorado. Three Church-building Funds were enrolled.

After giving a more or less detailed account of the work done in the various departments for the past quarter, Dr. Schaeffer stated: "A survey of this ever enlarging work of our Board indicates the progress which we as a Board have made within the last twenty-five years, from a small distributing agency without any headquarters to a complex, highly organized and effective promotional agency. Through our various activities we reach down through the judicatories of the Church to every pastor, consistory and congregation. The results in money alone would justify our change of policy.

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THE SOCIAL SERVICE COMMISSION

James M. Mullan, Executive Secretary

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY AND THE PLAY PROBLEM

THE telephone bell jangled, breaking the atmosphere of restful quiet of the X's living room, where Mr. X read his evening paper, now and then expounding an item to Mrs. X as she sat embroidering a bridge set.

Mr. X (impatiently)—“Yes? Yes?”

Voice—“This is the Chief of Police; we've caught the leader of the gang that has been breaking your street lights.”

Mr. X—“Well, lock 'em up! No use bein' sentimental about it!”

Voice—“Well, I'll tell you, X, it's your own boy, Bob!”

Mr. X—“Hold it up, Chief. I'll be right down!”

An ordinary little episode, you say—no thrill in that. No—but boys of that little town get a thrill out of it. For from that night dates Mr. X's zeal for play provision and expert leadership for his own and other boys. Several neighbors had previously approached Mr. X regarding securing modern recreation facilities for the community. Mr. X had scoffed. “Play fields in a town of 12,000? Let 'em play in the backyard. Everybody has a yard!” Small misdeeds like the breaking of street lights irritated him, and he frequently complained to the Chief of Police at the lunch club. Only a home thrust showed the relation between play and juvenile delinquency—even in a town of 12,000. But it did the work.

Juvenile delinquency in small communities is just as real a problem as it is in large cities. Taxpayers too often do not realize what juvenile delinquency is costing them in dollars and cents alone. In some cities, however, these costs have been studied and steps taken to reduce the social and money loss resulting from juvenile delinquency.

The Playground and Recreation Association of America frequently receives reports indicating the positive value of playgrounds and recreation in combating the juvenile delinquency problem.

B is a city of 16,000. As a general rule, 50 of its local boys were sent to the State reformatory each year. It established community playgrounds and recreation and other boys' work activities, and last year only two boys were sent to the reformatory.

L has a population of 10,000. Its delinquents numbered 91 a year prior to the establishment of public recreation. Several years later the number had been reduced to 53 in a year.

The population of C is 13,000. It always had a great deal of difficulty each year at Hallowe'en. Several years ago there were 40 calls for police help and a property damage of \$500. Soon after public recreation was established the recreation worker had charge of the Hallowe'en parade and celebration. The boys and girls and young people had the best Hallowe'en they ever had. Thousands of adults enjoyed the celebration, and there was not a single call for the police nor a single dollar's worth of damage done.

S is a mining community of about 25,000. There are no playgrounds with leadership. The only use that is made of the one so-called playground is as a site for visiting carnivals. Some of the local records show that 17 boys and girls were committed to penal institutions last year for an average term of 15 months. The institutional cost records show that these commitments cost the taxpayers approximately \$8,400. How much better it would be in terms of dollars and cents, as well as in terms of human happiness, if at least some of this \$8,400 could be used to provide playgrounds and recreation activities.

Juvenile delinquency is not the only reason small cities must provide play opportunities. Most of them are industrial communities. Improved methods of production are providing increased leisure for the adults and young people. The

specialization of industrial processes makes it necessary for workers to find their self-expression and fuller enjoyment of life almost entirely in their leisure time. Small cities are usually barren of opportunities for adults and young people. It is imperative that they provide opportunities for the wholesome use of their increasing leisure if they are to survive and prosper.

The hunger for music, the desire for dramatic expression, for outdoor recreation, and for the finer things of life exist in the small city as well as in the larger centers of population. The big city does not have a monopoly on life and life impulses.

PREVALENCE OF CRIME IN AMERICA

SOMETIME since Dr. W. C. Bagley, of Columbia University, speaking in Philadelphia, said: "We have, in proportion to our population, a ratio of murders, assaults, robberies and burglaries far in excess of any other nation for which comparable data are available. In 37 States the annual homicide rate in 1924 was not less than 84 in 1,000,000 of population. In 76 cities it was 99 to the million. Dr. Hoffman, the statistician, reports an increase of 100 per cent since 1900 in 28 cities of the United States. Other serious crimes have increased in about the same proportion. Closest to us stands Italy with 35 homicides to the million. Then come England with between 7 and 8, Spain with a fraction over 9, Scotland 4, Holland 3 and Switzerland less than 2. The rate in Ontario and Quebec is only one-twentieth of ours. Even South Africa and Australia have fewer than one-fifth of our rate.

In 1920 there were 459 cities with a population of 10,000 to 25,000.

Most of these cities are constantly growing, some rapidly, some slowly, but no less surely. In most of these cities there is now land available which the communities can secure at a reasonable price for parks, playgrounds and recreation areas. The day is coming, and is not far off, when most of this available land will be needed. Are these smaller cities to repeat the mistakes of the past, or are they to provide for their boys and girls and young people of the future by setting aside those areas now when the cost is not prohibitive?—*The Playground and Recreation Association of America.*

In 1915, one American city had twice as many burglaries as all of England and Wales." A very challenging feature of the "crime" situation is the comparative youth of the "criminals." Dr. Bagley, as an educator, expressed the sentiment that progress against crime can only be made by the development of character training in the educational system of the children and youth of the land. From the standpoint of the church, religious education, it would seem, is the only solution of this vexing problem. And yet the churches have had for a long time a monopoly of character training for which better results might reasonably have been expected. Why not try a combination of religious instruction under expert educational leadership and method? Is the *Sunday school*—of comparatively recent origin—the last word in character training?—*Pennsylvania's Children in School and at Work.*

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As we all are getting an enlarged vision of the task which confronts us and the opportunities which open on every side, let us consecrate anew to this great enterprise of making our country a Christian country and our Church in having the largest possible share in the realization of this goal."

Treasurer Wise in his report for the quarter showed net receipts in the General Fund of \$95,865.20, with expenditures of \$90,042.39. In the Church

Building Department the net receipts were \$29,553.50, and in addition \$7,729.20 was received from the Missions on account of their indebtedness to the Board, making total receipts during the quarter for this department of \$37,282.70. In the same department the expenditures were as follows: For investments and grants, \$47,080.54; interest and annuities, \$13,066.87; Catawba College, \$2,500; Home Mission Day Services and legal expenses, \$1,441.58, or a total of \$64,088.99.

July 19.

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Foreign Missions

ALLEN R. BARTHOLOMEW, EDITOR

THE CRISIS IN OUR WORK IN CHINA

DURING the past six months the Board has been called upon to face a most critical situation in regard to our work in China. Last fall, the work of the several departments centering in Yochow City was made the object of incessant attacks by the propagandists who accompanied the invading Nationalist Army. Huping Christian College was especially singled out, until the conditions became so intolerable that the institution had to be closed early in January. The Ziemer Girls' School, the Bible Woman's Training School, and the Hoy Memorial Hospital were compelled to do likewise. Finally, upon the urgent advice of the American Consul, all the missionaries of our Yochow Station withdrew and came to Shanghai; some returned home to America, others went to Nanking to continue their studies in the Language School, and a few left for Japan. Meanwhile, our work at Shenchow was proceeding with only minor interruptions. As the situation in the Lower Yangtze Valley became more and more serious, our missionaries at Shenchow, in obedience to the repeated Consular advices, also left for Shanghai, early in March, and arrived safely on March 31. Those of our missionaries who were at Nanking when the city was taken by the Nationalist troops suffered considerable hardships before they were allowed to leave. They escaped with their lives, but without any baggage or clothes.

The Board has tried to guide, sustain, and comfort our missionaries in China from the very first intimation of their trials, as will be evident from the first cablegram sent to them at Yochow City: "We wish to assure you of our sincere sympathy concerning the situation. Authorize Executive Committee to do as the circumstances require. We will be responsible for traveling expenses. Do you

think it would be wise, under the circumstances, for most missionaries leaving station and returning to America? Suggest as alternative attending Language School or helping Japan Mission. Inform Board periodically of situation, as friends in United States are anxious. Our prayers and deep sympathy are for you."

Our Church has been hard hit, the hardest of any Church in its missionary work in China. Of all the Provinces in China, Hunan has made the cleanest sweep of the missionaries—its best and truest friends. Let us bear in mind that these servants of Christ were not driven out by the local citizens, for these were anxious to have them stay and offered them protection, but by Communist agitators who, we believe, in due time will lose their influence with the Chinese.

China Demands Her Rights

That the Republic of China is justified in its demands for fair play and a square deal by the Family of Nations, no one can deny unless he is altogether bereft of a sense of justice. Most of the conditions that the Chinese propose for settlement are reasonable and should appeal to the conscience of the Foreign Powers. Since the United States has never had an eye of greed on getting any land concessions in that vast country, and since our nation has always been "China's best friend," it would seem a new expression of kindness on our part to act the Good Samaritan now as that great nation lies prostrate on the highway of progress—torn, bleeding, and suffering.

A New Era for the Work in China

Amid the shadows that rest upon our work in China, let us not be swept off our feet by feelings of despair. Rather let us believe that the present eclipse will pass

away and the work of Missions will enter upon a new era of prosperity. As Christians, we owe it to Christ to heed His voice, "Be not faithless, but believing." In one of his last letters, Dr. Hoy has left a testimony that should remain with the Church as a sacred heritage. He wrote: "Whatever may come to us, please remember that Mrs. Hoy and I do not regret our having served so long in this land. Service has been joy. One year and a half ago we returned to a *Changed and Rapidly Changing China*. We may be too old to readjust ourselves to the new environment, but surely this inability must not embitter us. Both God and man have been gracious to us all our years in this land of the 'Far East.' In all our efforts we have tried to hold up Christ and Him crucified; and we still believe in Him Who was sent into the world to save those who will receive Him. Should we be driven out tomorrow, our labor in the Lord has not been in vain. In these discouraging days there are many Chinese who, by letter and by personal calls, testify to what the Christ preached or taught means. For all this we take heart and rejoice for the service the Lord has owned."

"Let not the Board and the Church become discouraged. God's right arm of salvation has not been shortened. The CHURCH still lives."

An Emergency Expense

The return to the United States of our missionaries in China imposes an extra financial burden of at least \$50,000 upon the Board, for which it is not responsible. The usual expenses of the China Mission will not be less, for the time being. We have faith in our pastors and people that they will not allow this emergency to add an additional amount to an already top-heavy debt. The way to meet the need is to pay it.

MORE WORKERS NEEDED IN JAPAN

Our work in Japan is in a most hopeful condition. There is a fine spirit of co-operation among the missionaries and their Japanese associates. All the departments, evangelistic and educational, are in charge

of Joint Committees. As one views the field, with its sixty million of people, forty million of whom live in the rural districts, it is plain that a great work needs to be done in the near future. The influence of the Japanese Christian Church is tremendous in the life and thought of the Japanese people, but her own leaders profess openly that she is not able alone to cope with the task of evangelism. In the nature of the case, the growth of the work cannot keep pace with the increase in population unless there are more workers. A Japanese of great vision not long ago testified as to the need of foreign missionaries: "Yes, give us more missionaries of genuine character, full of faith and grace, and the future of Japan is sure."



DR. AND MRS. PAUL L. GERHARD

Our genial missionary, Rev. Paul L. Gerhard, was given the honorary degree of Doctor of Pedagogy at the recent Commencement exercises of Franklin and Marshall College. Dr. and Mrs. Gerhard will return to Japan in July.

WHO'S WHO IN AKITA

GENZABURO AOKI is our ambitious young pastor at Omagari, a town of over ten thousand people which has only one church. While he has been in the work only a little less than two years it is quite remarkable what he has done in so short a time.

One of the first essentials to success in the ministry is to win the confidence of your people. This, Mr. Aoki has done through his determined efforts to make things go. His sermons, while not always first-rate from the standpoint of scholarship, ring with a note of earnestness, which wins people. Attendance at all the services of the church has steadily increased; so have contributions for both benevolence and current expense.

A year ago last fall he became engaged to Miss Ariya, a teacher in the Girls' High School at Omagari. Their intention was not to get married until last fall or early this spring, but last spring news of their engagement reached the members of his congregation who begged him to get married at once. When he told them that he did not have enough money to do so at that time they said that they would take care of their wedding expenses. When he expressed a desire to have the wedding ceremony in Sendai where he has many friends, his members said, "But then we cannot be present. You must have it right here. It will be the first Christian wedding in Omagari." Did you ever hear of a congregation that was more enthusiastic over its pastor?

Mr. Aoki is a man with ideas which he is eager to put into operation. For instance, he is eager to develop in Omagari a church that will serve the whole township, as well as the people of the town. He would have all Christians in the township hold their membership in his church. Then he would arrange a schedule of services for the surrounding villages, making it possible for every part of the surrounding district to have the privilege of Christian worship every so often. This would increase the interest of believers who are scattered in the villages of the township, and who seldom have the privilege of attending the serv-

ices of the sanctuary. It would multiply the number of seekers. And it would be a step toward unity in the work, and self-support.

As a pastor he does not hesitate to tell the members of his flock what is expected of them. I was greatly impressed by an incident that happened last spring. After I had baptized two young persons whom he had led into the way of faith, he asked me if it was alright for him to speak a few words to his new members. I assured him it was, after which he spoke somewhat as follows:

1. Your becoming a member of this church is like joining a large family. The members of this church are your brothers and sisters. As such they are ready and willing to be of whatever service they can to you. So do not hesitate to come to your pastor or any member of our church family with your problems and difficulties. In return you will have to be ready to stand by them in time of need or distress, and in every way possible show forth the spirit of love and service, which we see so fully revealed in Christ. Are you willing to take such an attitude toward your fellow Christians?

2. While the aim and purpose of the Church of Christ in Japan is, through the power of Christ, to help Christianize the world, and especially Japan, our aim here is to Christianize Omagari and the surrounding district. This is our fixed and definite responsibility. It is a worthy task. The pastor alone cannot accomplish this. The help of every member of this church is needed. Will you, who have just been consecrated to Christ through baptism, be willing to assist us in this work?

3. To carry out our objective as just stated it is necessary to have the financial support of each church member. Are you willing to further our common cause with liberal offerings?

The persons addressed responded to each question in the affirmative. After the service all remained for a short social hour during which the new members demonstrated their willingness to help by serving tea and passing cake. It was an

hour of wholesome fellowship. The conversation was mostly about the immediate and future work of the church.

All these things speak well for Mr. Aoki who is just on the threshold of his life's work. Mr. Aoki was born on the first of March, 1898, in a country village not far from Sendai. For generations his family has been engaged in farming. His father was a zealous follower of the Nichiren Sect of Buddhism. Both his father and mother had hoped that the boy, Genzaburo, would enter the priesthood of their faith, since he was not strong enough physically for work on the farm. But Nichiren did not satisfy the youthful seeker after truth. Only Christ could do that. One day he saw a poster

announcing a Christian meeting in the public hall of his native village. He attended, and heard for the first time the message of a God of love who is able to save to the uttermost. At the age of seventeen he received baptism at the hands of Dr. J. P. Moore, who is now living a rather *active* retired life in the homeland. This was in May, 1915. Six years later this rather shy young man entered our Theological Seminary in Sendai from which he was graduated in 1925. We bespeak for Mr. Aoki and his wife a most useful career in the Christian evangelization of Japan.

I. G. NACE.

Akita, Japan.

OUR GIRLS' CLUB IN BAGHDAD

November 12, 1926. I do so love to trace events to their suggestive beginnings,—to link up things and find how fortuitously they happen. On Saturday I had an impelling impulse to send a note to an English lady recently returned from a summer in England. To call seemed out of the question because of sickness among our teachers and always crowded days. She answered the note by calling the next day and as both of us are interested in welfare work the conversation soon steered that way.

When she left we had arranged to have a few of the girls of our society go with me to a Health Center carried on by an English lady whose husband is Acting High Commissioner whenever Sir Henry Dobbs is away. Four years ago this lady opened the court of her house to the distressed of her neighborhood and for four years has given her mornings to this relief work.

The girls of the Club are continuing the sending of ten poor girls to school begun last year, and like last year not only is tuition paid when necessary and school materials provided but every girl is completely clothed. This year the girls felt that they could do more and this invitation came just as we were organizing our social service work and wondering how to enlarge it.

We went to this home—four of us—our Moslem president, our Jewish treas-

urer and the splendid leading spirit of our Social Service Committee, also Jewish. At the regular time the door of the house (Baghdad houses have only one door which leads directly into the open court), was opened and in swarmed a ragged, suffering crowd of women with babies and older children. In this locality the poor Arabs have set up their mud huts and live a life not much higher than the beasts of the field. Indeed many animals would scorn such revolting surroundings. All these people have trachoma. It is the curse of the land and an American Foundation should help to wipe out this scourge.

The competent lady of the house opened her big medicine chest, spread out trays, cotton, gauze, medicine bottles and disinfectants and started to work. I had seated myself one day by the side of an English doctor who treats eyes in the Royal Hospital as the people outside were one by one led before him, and had quickly learned to recognize the stages in this fatal disease. So this day I could know who had come too late. There stood a young girl with a child in her arms and I asked what she could see? She said that she could see the sun a little. Her husband has deserted her because of her assured blindness and left her in want. This land has no place or help for such as she. Oh! there were others like her! A wretched half-witted

boy was led in by an old crone so thinly covered with rags that she pretended a dislocated shoulder to get the warm cotton and gauze wrapped about her bones and when one shoulder was bandaged she offered the other. The poor boy was blind but his sores were salved. Eyes and scabby sores and distended abdomens among the babies for the mothers feed them pomegranate seeds until as the lady said, they rattle, and bruises were the troubles that needed treatment. "It is but a drop in the bucket," was the reply when we commended this piece of work.

"What can *we* do?" we asked. Before we left we had plans formed. We would gather old clothes of warm material, buy more if necessary, appoint a day when handsewing machines could be assembled at our house and spend an afternoon or two in sewing little garments for the babies before the cold days of winter would come.

January 19, 1927. The above was written, placed in a drawer and forgotten. A letter from Dr. Bartholomew arrived today at the same time that a servant brought a note of thanks from the caller

mentioned in the beginning of this article. Much has happened between these dates. The coincidence of the arrival of the two envelopes at the same time and something Dr. Bartholomew wrote made me recollect that I had started to tell you about the clothes for which the note expressed gratitude.

We carried out our plans and 34 warm little dresses were sent to this Health Center in three installments!

Besides this work the girls are studying very hard this year. They come to our house twice a week, Thursday and Friday. Our Club meeting is held as always on a Thursday afternoon from two to three, and after the session the girls divide into two classes for study: one class occupies our dining room and the other a bedroom. Because we have with us this year Miss Tucker and Miss King it has been possible to give four hours of teaching to them. I have tried not to exaggerate the ability of these girls when writing or speaking about them and am greatly pleased that both ladies have outdistanced me in their estimates of them. The word they use is "Remarkable!"



GIRLS'
CLUB,
BAGHDAD



The subjects taught to the higher class are: History using as a textbook "A General History of Europe," by Robinson, Breasted, Smith; Literature, Science, Algebra and to the lower class Reading, English Composition and Geography. In Science the girls took the same examination given to the highest class in our Boys' Secondary School and though they began later and had only two hours per week instead of four, the majority of the class received over 90 in very exacting marking. Miss Tucker began with a simple Algebra and now regrets her mistake. In the interpretation of poems the ladies find, as I found, that their insight into the inner meaning of the poem, though to them, in a foreign language is most subtly comprehending.

Then the joy they find in study is a new thing to those of us accustomed to American boys and girls. To learn is to them pure happiness and if left alone a short time their gay voices make one wonder what the fun is about—not a party or a dance or an outing, but a problem or a fact in history or a new discovery or a new-found star—always abounding joy in this adventurous life of learning to know. Here in Haroun Raschid's old city, which in his day was an intellectual center are to be found boys

and girls who pursue study for its own sake as we have never witnessed it anywhere in our varied experience.

Some of the girls have established homes of their own and in each case the husband with pride has placed his wife by his side on an equality with himself. In this part of the world marriages are negotiated and the parents, if they desire for their daughters a "good match," must pay a good dowry. So far as we know no dowry has been paid by the parents of these girls, the men esteeming ability and intelligence above money. It is a great pleasure to visit these homes and the Club boasts three babies, two boys and one girl, whose names must be placed on the Cradle Roll.

We had such a happy Christmas Party. It was a real reunion. Only one baby was old enough to come but all those who had connections with us as teachers or students joined with us in games and song. I did absolutely nothing: the Program Committee planned the entertainment and the Refreshment Committee provided and dispensed hospitality and the lovely big living room which has lent itself to so many occasions never overflowed with more goodwill and joy than on this afternoon.

IDA DONGES STAUDT.

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

Comparative Receipts for the Month of April

	1926			1927			Increase	Decrease
	Synods	Appt.	Specials	Totals	Appt.	Specials		
Eastern	\$31,568.49	\$2,377.56	\$33,946.05	\$18,582.55	\$6,522.99	\$25,105.54		\$8,840.51
Ohio	9,343.44	1,669.28	11,012.72	6,570.31	2,969.89	9,540.20		1,472.52
Northwest	805.89	88.55	894.44	820.60	591.33	1,411.98		517.54
Pittsburgh	2,629.31	156.26	2,785.57	4,143.92	1,971.34	6,115.26	3,329.69	
Potomac	11,621.48	4,889.48	16,510.96	5,633.93	2,203.77	7,837.70		8,673.26
German of East.	1,621.92	82.75	1,704.67	945.11	955.44	1,900.55		195.88
Mid-West	2,472.33	124.57	2,596.90	2,408.39	426.35	2,834.74	237.84	
W. M. S. G. S.		10,740.85	10,740.85		7,749.68	7,749.68		2,991.17
Miscellaneous		136.16	136.16		8.00	8.00		128.16
Annuity Bonds		3,000.00	3,000.00		300.00	300.00		2,700.00
Bequests		1,471.93	1,471.93					1,471.93
Totals	\$60,062.86	\$24,737.39	\$84,800.25	\$39,104.81	\$23,698.84	\$62,803.65	\$4,280.95	\$26,277.55
					Net Decrease			\$21,996.60

THE UNITED MISSION IN MESOPOTAMIA

A REVIEW OF THE WORK OF THE PAST YEAR

By Rev. James Cantine, D. D.

MESOPOTAMIA is a land where the dead past continually thrusts itself upon our notice. On the site of old Nineveh stands the Mosque of Nobi Unas, guarding the supposed remains of the Prophet Jonas. Hundreds of miles below on the same River Tigris is the impressive burial place of the Prophet Ezra, visited by thousands of pilgrims yearly. Midway between the two, Baghdad itself is closely identified with the tombs and mosques of the great leaders of Islam bearing their names and perpetuating their honors. While to nearby cities, consecrated by the graves of the founders of the Shi'ah sect, countless corpses have been brought year by year, many from distant lands, to lie in holy ground. All this is typical of the state of men's minds. Ignorance and superstition prevail. The authority of tradition and unbridled fanaticism have abounded. These and the deadness of a petrified faith have for centuries made of this valley of the two rivers, "a valley full of bones." This was the vision of Ezekiel beside a river of Babylon.

But the vision and the prophecy go together. To this same land came the voice: "Thus saith the Lord Jehovah unto these dry bones. Behold I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live . . . and shall know that I am Jehovah." What has the United Mission done this past year to hasten the fulfillment of this glorious promise?

As yet our meagre resources have precluded the use of the ministry of healing, except as it has been exercised in limited degree by untrained but loving hands, and this report can only speak, and that briefly, of our educational and evangelistic activities. Perhaps somewhat of past attainment and future promise in our schools may be glimpsed by reference to this year's closing exercises.

At Baghdad the Boys' School with its Primary and High School Departments, enrolling 250 boys, celebrated its first commencement. Its graduating class was

not large as numbers go, but the presence of the High Commissioner, the Consuls of foreign countries, the Moslem Minister of Education, and not less than twenty members of the Iraq Parliament gave dignity and official sanction to the occasion. Besides the usual routine of orations, the religious background of our work was recognized in the opening and closing prayer, and was linked up with the intellectual life of the past by a poem written and read by a celebrated Arab poet. A full account of the exercises appeared in all the city papers.

At the Mosul School for Girls, a novel feature of the year's close was a pageant, witnessed by three hundred of the women of the city. An exhibition of work done in the industrial department also attracted many visitors, both men and women. Here the enrollment of 230 has reached the limit for efficiency with our present working force.

The Girls' School at Baghdad is working along quieter and simpler lines, as is doubtless best for a new venture among the backward women of this city. Here nearly a hundred girls of varied social standing are learning what will make them better wives and mothers, not alone through added knowledge derived from books, but by knowing the great Exemplar, Jesus Christ. A member of the Arab Parliament is reported as saying that this was the best Girls' School in Baghdad.

Increasingly are our schools attracting and welcoming Moslem pupils. Especially do we note the need for boarding facilities. When, as at Mosul, influential Moslem parents come and beg us to take their children into our home life for training in righteousness, the responsibility for refusal may not be lightly dismissed. Our stationary income makes any expansion very difficult, and quite impossible any response to the insistent call for schools in the outlying Kurdish and Yazedi districts.

Turning to the definitely *evangelistic*

work of the year, we note with much satisfaction the opening of the first outstation of the Mission at Hillah on the Euphrates, about sixty-five miles south from Baghdad. Our missionary family has been there but a short time, but long enough to report the distribution of over 3,000 tracts in the bazaars and a steady stream of callers at the Mission house. The encouraging thing is that these people came again and again, seemingly anxious to know the truth about our belief. Hillah was visited by missionaries of the Arabian Mission over thirty years ago, and we feel that many prayers for this city are now being answered.

In Mosul a persistent attempt has been made by the missionary to use the numerous coffee-shops as places for meeting the men of all classes who daily gather there and sit for hours. A circuit of twenty shops was worked, some of them being visited several times a week. The results were highly encouraging. The gradually growing interest in the visitor led up to many a conversation on the message of the Gospel. Over a hundred scriptures were sold and over two thousand copies of Bible parables and sermons were distributed among those asking for them. Here again systematic attempts have been made to impress upon the Oriental Christians the duty and privilege of telling the Moslems about Christ. Encouraging results have followed, and a spirit of evangelism is slowly being awakened among those who for centuries have not accounted a Moslem as a neighbor in the Gospel sense.

In Baghdad the reading room continues to be an evangelistic agency, affording many opportunities for meeting new inquirers and stimulating the old. This can still better be done when our hope for a Church and Mission House is realized. Ground is being purchased and the building only awaits the gifts of those interested in thus establishing the Kingdom.

Missionary tours have been made in various directions. Khanakin, Arbil, Sinjar, Kerkuk, are among the towns where the missionary's face and message are at least tolerated, sometimes welcomed. Contacts have been made with

many Arabs of the outcountry, leading to a better understanding of the reason for our presence among them. Notable among these was Sheikh Ajeel, chief of the great Shammar Tribe. Kurdish tribesmen and Kurdish officials in the Iraq Government have become our friends, and it seems now that the responsibility for telling the great Kurdish race of the message of Christ was largely resting upon us. We have a missionary set apart for that purpose, and plans are being considered for co-operating with the Bible Societies for the long delayed translation of the Gospel into that language. In this part of our field the settlement of the boundary dispute between Iraq and Turkey has given us more freedom and opportunity, and has been the occasion of much rejoicing in all circles.

And here must be mentioned the systematic instruction in the Scripture given in all our schools. Since the right to insist upon this was conceded by the Government, but little objection has been met with from any source. The morning assembly for reading, singing and prayer; the fostering of religious organizations among the pupils; special services and a constant personal attention by the Christian teachers; all serve to make our Lord known and His message dominant.

The above brief report is a partial answer to the question we started with—what have we, or rather you, through us, done to bring about the fulfillment of God's promise? We have seen the living Spirit of Christ breathing upon this land and bringing new life to the dead bones. Much still remains ahead of us. New schools in widely scattered quarters are called for. Those existing have their limited facilities overcrowded. We need more native evangelists to reap in the ripening fields. We need, but why go further when the appropriation from home this year was only equal to that of last? How *can* we go forward? We leave it to the Hearer and Answerer of Prayer.

Casting aside all things that mar,

Saying to wrong, depart!

To the voices of hope that are calling you
Open the door of your heart.

—EDWARD EVERETT HALE.

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Alliene S. DeChant

"Oh, do not pray for easy lives. Pray to be stronger men! Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers. Pray for powers equal to your tasks! Then the doing of your work shall be no miracle. But you shall be a miracle. Every day you shall wonder at yourself, at the richness of life which has come in you by the grace of God."—Phillips Brooks.

BUT YOU SHALL BE A MIRACLE

"CERTAIN trainers and coaches believe our lack of stamina is due to the fact that almost none of our athletes is willing to take the long, hard, rigorous training which the longer distances call for." Every track man (and girl, too) will understand the purport of that statement of Grantland Rice, who adds, "Speed may be a natural quality, capable of further development—but stamina is a slow matter of sacrifice and drudgery and enduring tests. It is built up slowly, for human fibre must be at its best to stand the strain of a long run at a record-breaking pace."

We've just become high school alumni, thousands of us, the world over. And what of our future? What sort of race are we to run? Short sprints? Or long distance? College, first, yes. Four years of "long, hard, rigorous training" and then intensive specialization, if we would rightly fit ourselves for leadership. All

for self? For the \$72,000 value Dean Frederick Palmer, of Haverford, places on a college diploma? For greater returns than money would we strive—for that stamina that shall make us better, wiser, more capable, world citizens. Like "Nurmi, the hardy," would we become—great, not for short sprints, but for 5,000 meter races, "with the thermometer around 100"—long-distance races against vice, against greed, against superiority complexes, against Jericho Roads, against race prejudice—against every force that keeps world citizens from forming a Family of Nations.

"The doing of your work," your life work, then, "shall be no miracle. But you shall be a miracle." And the joy you have in running the long race to the very end, shall be worth all the "sacrifice" and "drudgery" and "enduring," for 'tis the Good Samaritan you would be!

WHY I NEVER THOUGHT OF THE GOLD POTATO WAY!

"College? No! I never can afford it."

Ah, yes, but you can! Are you ready to peel potatoes for it? To work during "off" hours and every vacation? Miss Garnet Holman, of Simpson College, Iowa, was presented, Commencement Day, with a Gold Potato for having earned her way through peeling potatoes. Another recent girl graduate was a waitress, and typed manuscripts for her professors. A 1927 Seminary senior had charge of the bookroom, managed a typewriter agency and was a waiter in the refectory. And never so long as I live, shall I forget a certain day in July, in 1911. The place was my father's study. The *dramatis personae* were four: The president of Hood, my father, my mother and myself (outside the study door—

almost at the keyhole). The time seemed long—long. Finally the study door opened. My mother came out. And I knew I could go to college. I saw it in her face. Daily denyings it meant, those 1911-1915 years, for my parents; and, for self: helping in the laundry, playing the piano for gymnastics, taking care of the college pianos and helping in the library. And so with you. Almost every college, nowadays, has a Self Help Department. We have them also "over there." Let us determine, in so far as we can, therefore, our life work, and choose carefully and wisely the college best adapted to our needs, and have a serious consultation with the director of the Self Help Department and tell him we really mean business. Nor need we

wait until September to "self help" ourselves. Vacation opportunities are legion and worthwhile. One of my students in North Japan College was head-waiter in a diner; some "homeside" students "farm" all summer; others clerk in banks or stores; some drive buses, taxis or

street cars; others are waiters, or desk-clerks at hotels and inns; one college-girl and her mother last summer cleared \$300 providing beds for tourists.

A college education? \$72,000?

It is yours for the yearning and the earning!

DO YOU KNOW THAT?

Seven Chinese young men were received into our Zion Reformed Church, York, Pa., the Rev. Dr. J. Kern McKee, pastor, on Easter?

Our Yamagata, Japan, kindergarten has opened for a new year, with 55 children, 27 of whom are new?

There were 18 graduates this year at

our Massanutten Academy, Woodstock, Virginia?

The faculty of our Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., has given the Student Senate supreme power over all student affairs?

There were 138 participants, representing 35 classes, in the recent Stewardship Essay contest, conducted by our Church?

THE HEART OF HIM

INDEXING carbon copies of letters may not be monotonous. Much depends on whose letters are being indexed, and whether or not time is granted to scan the contents. My task as pro-tem index clerk has not been monotonous. Time-out was granted to scan the contents. A sacred privilege it has been, for the letters are the letters of our Dr. Allen R. Bartholomew. 'Tis "out of the abundance of the heart" that his lips have spoken. 'Tis of "The Heart of Him" that I would write.

Letters of praise, they are; of encouragement; of gratitude; letters of appeal; and, now and then, such letters to cope with as can be hinted at in his, "If I did not believe that all of us must enter the Kingdom through 'great tribulation,' I would often lose heart in the work." And in and through them all there sounds the high note of faith that even the most dire calamity cannot shake—and a fulsome chord of love, too, like unto that "love that passeth all understanding."

In thanking a widow for a most generous gift to the Jubilee Anniversary Fund, he compares the donor to her who, in the days of old, broke open the box of alabaster.

To hundreds has he written letters of praise, even as this one: "One of the

greatest joys of my life will ever be the thought that so many members of our Church have sent their special gifts for the Jubilee Anniversary Fund. I wish I could find words expressive of the feelings of my heart." And in his "Thank You" to our Winnebago Indian Mission pastor, who sent him \$80 for the Jubilee Fund, \$40 from Immanuel's 20 members, "mostly poor" and \$40 "out of the poverty" of the Indians, Dr. Bartholomew wrote: "Let me assure you that your letter has touched my heart and I wish you would convey to the members my sincere thanks for the spirit of self-sacrifice. May the Lord bless the gift and the givers."

When perplexities come to those "out there," he is "a very present help"—Every missionary knows that Dr. Bartholomew will and does understand. Witness, therefore, but one of the many "present helps" that have come from out his "innermost" heart: "After all, there are secret springs of sustaining Grace that the Lord only releases in time of need, and if we trust His unerring guidance He will keep watch over His own dear children. But I have already written enough to tax your patience. However, I am pouring out not only my

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The Woman's Missionary Society

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EDITORIAL

FOR the last few years the W. M. S. Department of the June Issue emphasized the work of the girls in our denominational colleges. This year we have shifted the emphasis from the work of our colleges in the homeland to the work of the American Colleges in the Near East. Mr. F. Nelson Schlegel has contributed the special article on this subject. For a number of years Mr. Schlegel was a member on the faculty of the American University at Cairo, Egypt. Last year he returned to America to take his theological training.

Each year a very considerable number of college graduates sign up to teach in the American Colleges of the Near East. We wish we knew the exact number from our denomination who are members of these college staffs. We know of three young men: Vincent B. Faust, of Spring Grove, Pa.; H. B. Selsam, Harrisburg, Pa.; and Elbridge Walker, Reading, Pa. Mr. Faust and Mr. Selsam are graduates of Franklin and Marshall College and are located at Beirut, Syria, and Mr. Walker, a graduate of Princeton University, is located at Roberts College, Constantinople.

Most of the time we are puzzled if we try to follow national legislation on foreign affairs. For example, when the Senate failed to ratify the proposed treaty with Turkey we had insufficient background to know whether the Senate

acted wisely or unwisely. Most of us felt a good deal of prejudice against the Turks and classed that as knowledge.

Rev. Charles T. Riggs, a lifelong resident of Turkey, interprets recent treaties and agreements in an article, "Turkey, the Treaties and the Missionaries," published in the May number of the *Missionary Review of the World*. This supplements Mr. Schlegel's article in this issue and we trust many persons will read it. The writer calls attention to the embarrassing position of American citizens in contrast to the other foreign nationalities who have treaties with Turkey. He says it is unfair to American citizens to have no legal standing, no matter what their position or work in Turkey. He also speaks of the valuable service Rear Admiral Bristol has rendered Americans because he has succeeded in winning the confidence and trust of Turkish officials. He has succeeded in getting the Turkish Government to prolong for a year the temporary arrangements by which Americans are exempted from much higher custom duties than nationalities with treaties. He also has secured permission for four American doctors to practice medicine in Turkey. These men will be located in four missionary hospitals. For four or five years Turkey has taken the position that owing to the absence of treaty relations, no Americans could be allowed to take examinations for a license to practice medicine in Turkey.

A CORNER OF OUR CONTINENT

"God made us neighbors," said Senator William E. Borah, in speaking of Mexico, "let justice make us friends." The call to friendship and goodwill is resolving itself into various forms of

expression. This year, under the direction of Hubert C. Herring, the Social Relations Department of the Congregational Education Society, conducted its second "seminar." This means that a

party of thirty-eight men and women, including Protestant clergymen, Jewish rabbis, lawyers, editors, writers, representatives of missionary organizations, etc., spent ten days in Mexico City for the purpose of interviewing leaders of Mexican Government, Mexican and foreign business interests, Protestant and Catholic religious leaders and educators because they wanted to know Mexico better.

Samuel G. Inman, chairman of Committee on Co-operation in Latin America, quotes Senor Saenz, Foreign Minister: "We not only desire the friendship of the United States, but recognize that it is essential to us. In the matter of the petroleum, which is the most important point in dispute between the two governments, do you suppose we want to keep our supply under the ground for the next half century? No, indeed; we need it now, and we need the American's help to get it out. For that reason we are willing to go a long way in the practical application of the new laws. But we cannot renounce the right of Mexico to return petroleum to the category it occupied previous to the Diaz administration, as belonging, with all other subsoil products, to the nation."

Protestant Mission Boards have advised their missionaries to obey all the

laws of Mexico, and the missionaries are carrying forward their work within constitutional limitations. Mr. Nelson Rhoads, an American attorney, who has spent most of his life in Mexico, says: "The new rulers are unprepared intellectually or by experience for their big task, but they are doing the best they can. Men like Calles and Obregon are showing real devotion to an ideal. They make mistakes because of lack of experience. The only way to make fewer mistakes is by getting more experience.

"So I never get excited. When a new law threatens to disrupt business we begin conference with the government. These conferences may last a long time and try our patience, but usually the result is a compromise which represents justice to both parties." This justice will come to the Church, if religious leaders have the patience to bide their time.

Miss Amy Blanche Greene, an authority on foreign language groups, spent some time in Mexico, following the El Paso Conference on Spanish Speaking Peoples. She has prepared a pamphlet, "The Present Crisis in Our Relations With Mexico." This is a concise survey of the situation in Mexico. Price 15 cents. Room 505, 347 Madison Avenue, New York City.

AMONG THE WORKERS

The members of the Woman's Missionary Society, Southwest Ohio Classis, were privileged to hear messages from two foreign missionaries at their third annual meeting, Ohmer Park Reformed Church, Dayton, Ohio: Mrs. Ward Hartman, of Yungtsui, China, and Mrs. Carl D. Kriete, of Yamagata, Japan.

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The Fellowship banquet was an interesting event in connection with the fifth annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of Indianapolis Classis. Clever stunts by the groups from the various churches enlivened the intervals between courses. The "Open Parliament" on "Things That Help Our Societies" was an excellent idea. Pennants were presented to three front line Wom-

an's Missionary Societies and to four front line Guilds.

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A banquet in honor of the G. M. G. ushered in the sessions of the Woman's Missionary Society of Northeast Ohio Classis, which convened in the First Reformed Church, Akron.

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The very severe thunder storm which struck Littlestown on the evening of April 21 interfered with the closing sessions of the Woman's Missionary Society of Gettysburg Classis. Rev. Frank Bucher, of Shenchowfu, was present and expected to make the address. The storm did considerable damage to the church and the evening session had to be canceled.

The Woman's Missionary Society of St. Vincent Church, Miss Carrie M. Kerschner, President, celebrated its first anniversary on May 1st by adding three new members to its enrollment. Mrs. Irene A. Anewalt delivered an interesting address on her recent trip to the Orient.

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Miss Marjorie Grube is the President of the Mission Band of St. Mark's, Easton, Pa. This band was organized

by Mrs. H. C. Stauffer in the latter part of 1926, but in some way failed to be reported. The membership is 28.

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Rev. Carl Kriete was the missionary speaker at the fifth annual meeting of the W. M. S. Ft. Wayne Classis. He described the impoverished condition which prevails among the rural people of Japan.

THE PRAYER CALENDAR

If you'll stop for just a moment, I'll whisper in your ear the very nicest kind of a secret. You have known that the prayers for each month were written by some one closely connected with the work indicated by the picture on that page. Now, who, do you suppose, wrote the prayer for June? Come a little closer so that I can reach your ear—Miss Carrie M. Kerschner. There! I knew you'd be surprised! But why should you be? As Executive Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod, Miss Kerschner is closely connected with all the missionary work of this great organization.

Did you know that before she was our Executive Secretary, the Japanese on the Pacific Coast were fortunate enough to have Miss Kerschner as their American teacher in the mission at San Francisco? And that before that she was at Cedar Crest College, only it wasn't Cedar Crest, but Allentown College for Women? And that even before that, she was active in local and classical missionary societies? Oh, she has had wide experience, Miss Kerschner has, and that's one reason why she has been such a splendid executive for our Woman's Missionary Society.

On the July page of the Calendar the picture of the Miyagi College Building shows us the Vornholt Memorial addition, which was recently completed. Miss Mary Vornholt, in whose memory the Woman's Missionary Society presented the Thank-Offering for the erection of this wing, passed to her heavenly home in March, 1920. At the time of her

death many tributes to her sterling Christian character and unusual personality came from co-workers and pupils. Among them were these:

"It might seem, since she taught in Miyagi only a half year, that she had little opportunity to wield a Christian influence. However, in her quiet, modest, but tactful way, she created opportunities for Christian service. One of the last ways in which Miss Vornholt gave expression to this noble spirit was her kindly concern about the two nurses who attended her. Neither were Christian, but shortly after her death, they sent letters saying that they had never before seen a sick person so considerate, and they asked to be taught about Christ."

"The ideal woman with the Japanese is a quiet, humble and graceful one, of a few words, but brave at heart. It is unanimously stated that Miss Vornholt was just such a lady."

Who more appropriate could there be to write the prayer for this page than the Rev. Allen K. Faust, Ph. D., president of the school to which Miss Vornholt was so devoted?

You will remember from your study of "Penn Pictures" that Dr. Faust is a native of Bernville, Berks County, Pa. For a number of years he taught in North Japan College, but since 1914, when he became president of the Miyagi College, he has felt keenly and endeavored to meet the need not only for teachers, but of teaching the girls how to become Christian wives and mothers, believing that "The homes of a nation are its strongest forts."

AMERICAN COLLEGES IN THE NEAR EAST

IN his book on "The Moslem Faces the Future," Dr. Sailer compares the conditions of modern Islam with that of a great steamship in an ocean-to-ocean canal. The outer lock having been closed the sluices are opened and the water that pours into the lock raises the sea-going vessel to the higher level of the canal. Even so the forces of Western civilization are raising the Moslem world out of medievalism to the responsibilities of the modern world.

Among the elements that are contributing to the development of the changing Near East there is none of more importance than Christian education. American missionaries have been at work in the Near East for over a hundred years, and they have been the leaders of a great educational movement in the hundreds of schools and the several first-class colleges developed in this past century.

"Since the early part of the nineteenth century American missionaries have been planting schools all over the Near East and today they are a great power in the land. No foreign nation can claim so disinterested an attitude towards the people, Moslem and Christian alike, as can America. Her purpose in education had been entirely humanitarian and is entirely free from any political or commercial bias. . . . This has been recognized by the Government as well as by the people and the Americans have enjoyed universal respect and esteem." ("The Near East—Crossroads of the World"—Hall, page 161.)

At the time of the Civil War in America three separate institutions of higher education were established by Americans in the Near East: Robert College in Constantinople (1863); the Syrian Protestant College at Beirut (1865); and Assiut College in Egypt (1865). All of these colleges were the natural outgrowth of the system of lower grade schools that had been organized in Turkey, Syria and Egypt. In all there has been maintained a high standard of scholarship, but the first aim has always been the development of character, the inspiration for which has been our Lord, Jesus Christ.

As Dr. Monroe says, in "Modern Turkey": "Students are being prepared for leadership by being trained along the lines of service, in courses in mechanical engineering, scientific farming, medicine and business administration. Still of even more value to the student than the courses are the common ideals of tolerance and fair play."

In 1864 an Act of the Legislature of New York State granted incorporation to two colleges: Robert College and the Syrian Protestant College. The former had been opened the year before by Dr. Cyrus Hamlin, who had been associated for some years with the work of the American Board in Turkey. The idea of establishing a college at Constantinople dates back to 1857, but it failed to materialize until Dr. Christopher R. Robert, an American merchant traveling in the East, turned to Dr. Hamlin with help to undertake the founding of the college. Mr. Robert had met Dr. Hamlin at the end of the Crimean War and through his influence had developed a keen appreciation of the educational possibilities in the ancient Byzantine capital.

When Robert College was opened in 1863 the only funds available were those provided by Mr. Robert, who continued faithful in his support of the institution. Recognition of the value of the work being done soon came and the first building of Robert College on its present site, overlooking the Bosphorus, was completed in 1871. Three years before this date the Imperial Government had granted the college all the advantages enjoyed by other educational institutions in Turkey. Today Robert College has an enrollment of 650, and many of its 1000 alumni hold positions of trust and influence in Eastern Europe and Asia Minor. The Hon. S. Panaretoff, Bulgarian Minister to the United States, and an alumnus of Robert, said: "A single graduate of Robert College in his native town or community means more by the influence he exerts than ten college graduates here in America." A like statement could be made concerning others educated in the American colleges in the

Near East, colleges where the aim is to develop men of character and intellect for useful service.

In 1862 the Syrian Mission of the American Board directed Dr. Daniel Bliss to undertake the inauguration of a college for Syria. In 1864 it began with seven students who met for instruction in the home of Dr. Bliss. Since then the institution has had a wonderful growth, until now it has a student body of over 1200, a third of whom are Moslems from Syria, Palestine, Iraq, Persia and Egypt. In preparing leaders this college has done for the Arabic speaking world what Robert College has done for Asia Minor. Since 1920 it has been known as the American University of Beirut. In 1922 young women students were admitted on equal terms with men, and in the report of the president for last year we read that 58 young women were then enrolled in the several departments of the university. Two of them were Moslems. And for the first time in the history of the university degrees were conferred upon two women graduates.

Leaders in the Near East testify to the importance of this institution in that part of the world. There is no institution in the Near East that can offer the same opportunities of higher education. Wherever its graduates go "they make it easier to foster education, to overcome tyranny, to soften fanaticism, to promote freedom in church and state." When, some years ago, Emir Feisal, then a Prince of Hedjaz, was asked about Beirut, he said: "Dr. Daniel Bliss, the founder of the college, was the grandfather of Syria; and his son, Howard Bliss, the present president, is the father of Syria. Without the education which this college has given the struggle for freedom would never have been won. The Arabs owe everything to these men."

Assiut College was started as a day school in 1865, the students meeting in a renovated donkey stable in the center of Assiut, the largest city in Upper Egypt. At present it stands first among all the schools of the United Presbyterian Mission in Egypt. Assiut College was established to be a training school for Christian workers, and as a center for evan-

gelistic effort. From the beginning a majority of its students have been members of the Christian churches of Egypt, although its influence has been great among the Moslems of Egypt and neighboring lands. Forty per cent of its graduates have gone into evangelistic work and it has provided pastors for the many Protestant congregations that have arisen since the American Mission began its work in Egypt nearly seventy years ago. The Egyptian Minister of Agriculture, Tewfik Doss Pasha, said, a few years ago: "I have been intimately acquainted with Assiut College and its work for many years and have been deeply appreciative of its ideals and influence, as have other Egyptians, both Moslem and Christians."

Robert College and the American University of Beirut stand foremost among the American colleges in the Near East. They have most influence and are able to grant academic degrees under American charters. The Constantinople Woman's College and International College at Smyrna also have this right. All four of these colleges grew out of the work of denominational societies, but they are now under the control of an independent organization: The Near East College Association.

International College at Smyrna was founded in 1871, when a real need for such an institution was felt by the American missionaries at work in Anatolia. The great fire in Smyrna in 1922 hurt the work of the college considerably, but now the enrollment is again up to 300 students, 96 per cent of whom are Turks. A strong department of the college is that of agriculture, which serves an urgent need by training boys for practical farming and preparing teachers for native agricultural schools.

"Constantinople Woman's College today, more than any other institution in the Near East, measures the astonishing progress of women in the Orient during the past fifty years."

The college developed from a high school for girls in 1871, its founding being a bold venture in a conservative Moslem land. This step has long since been justified by the high position the col-

lege has won. Its Moslem graduates have been leaders in the movements for freedom for women and they have entered many fields of service in public life as teachers, nurses, doctors, editors and business women. Halideh Hanum, one of these alumnae, was the first Moslem woman to address a mixed audience. "The well rounded and thorough preparation afforded by this college has been the surest guarantee for women of a new status in the Near East."

Another college for women is located in Cairo. It is the newest of the higher schools founded by the United Presbyterian Mission, dating back to 1909. It grew out of a girls' boarding school first supported by the Mission in 1861. It is doing the highest work for women in Egypt, having the daughters of influential Egyptians of all religious sects among its more than 300 students.

There is another American college, the youngest of all in the Near East, whose influence is sure to be far reaching in the near future. The American University at Cairo began its work in 1920, taking as its aim "to discover to the Moslem world those living springs which are to be found in Christ and which alone suffice for the energizing of the intellectual life." Its work is principally among the upper strata of Egyptian society, about 160 sons of leading families being enrolled this year. More than half of these are Moslems. Two years ago twelve nationalities were represented in the student body, showing that the university's influence extends from Russia

to the Sudan and from Greece to India. It is too early to speak of the results of the University's work, but certain it is that men who have been for four or more years under the influence of Christian teachers who are actuated by the above-mentioned aim will be a vital force in showing the spirit of Christ through their character wherever they go. And if we can lead young men to a Christian interpretation of the truth we shall have done well. A. U. C. is an independent mission having its own Board of Trustees, made up of influential Americans.

The people of the Reformed Church are today facing an even greater opportunity and a greater need than those which led to the founding of the several institutions I have mentioned. Ours is the opportunity to continue the spread of Christian education in a land which has no college, but a great thirst for learning among its millions of young people. We have started a school in Baghdad. Will its influence be extended into that of a college, filling a great and urgent need in Mesopotamia? King Feisal of Iraq has said that the greatest contribution America can make to that new nation is an institution like the American University of Beirut, a place where men can be trained to serve unselfishly and effectively for the development of a new land. seeing what Beirut and the other American colleges have contributed to the character of the men of the Near East shall we miss our present opportunity in Baghdad?

THE MONTHLY QUIZ

- 1—*What compliment did an Arab Prince pay to an American who founded a college in his country?*
- 2—*What special department of International College at Smyrna helps in developing country life?*
- 3—*Why does it seem unwise not to have treaty relations with Turkey?*
- 4—*We speak of the United Day of Prayer; give the Japanese translation.*
- 5—*Give the title of the mission study text book, 1927-28. What did little Toshi Kawamura say when she received the friendship doll?*
- 6—*North America and South America are uniting in what campaign?*
- 7—*Name the Missionary Guild that has maintained Front Line for five years.*
- 8—*Quote Senator Borah in relation to Mexico.*
- 9—*How do "cherry cakes" get their name?*
- 10—*Mr. Schlegel points out what great opportunity in Baghdad?*

RECEPTION TO OUR PRESIDENT

A reception which afforded opportunity for wide contacts was arranged in honor of Mrs. Irene A. Anewalt by Mrs. J. G. Kerschner and Miss Carrie M. Kerschner on the Saturday preceding the observance of the first anniversary of the Woman's Missionary Society of St. Vincent's Church, Spring City, Pa. Fifty-nine ladies attended the reception. These represented fifteen Reformed Missionary Societies, two Lutheran and one Methodist. The societies represented were Skippack, Shenkel's, Linfield, Collegeville, Norristown, Boyertown, Spring City, Royersford, East Vincent, St. Vincent, Brownback's, two societies in Norristown and two in Philadelphia.

In the receiving line were Mrs. Kerschner, Mrs. Anewalt, Mrs. Emma Still, Vice President of the St. Vincent Society; Mrs. J. W. Fillman, President of the W. M. S. Eastern Synod, and Mrs. Maurice Samson, President of the W. M. S., Philadelphia Classis. Miss Greta Hinkle and Miss Esther Bauer, of the Philadelphia office, assisted Miss Kerschner; Miss Hinkle sang a number of selections and Miss Bauer served as one of the "aides."

Following the introductions, Mrs. Anewalt spoke informally of her recent trip to the Orient.

AN ECHO FROM THE UNITED DAY OF PRAYER

Wakamatsu, Japan, March 5, 1927.

Dear Homeland Friends:

Last night the Fujinkwai (Woman's Society) of our church here in Wakamatsu held their "All countries prayer service," as they called it, and I feel that I must tell you something about it.

I presented the plan at the February meeting and the ladies were enthusiastic about it. Mrs. Mori, the president; Mrs. Tan, the pastor's wife; Miss Tsurunuma, the woman evangelist, and I met a few days later and worked out our program, following the sample copy as closely as we possibly could. Only the first two hymns were translated in the Japanese hymnal, but for the rest we substituted others that were similar in thought.

We combined the Pilgrimage of Prayer and Cable Requests in an explanatory talk by Mr. Tan (the only man present). The women listened intently.

Miss Tsurunuma, the woman evangelist, a graduate of the Bible Department of Miyagi College, and Miss Tsuchida, a graduate of the English Department, and Mr. Nugent's Japanese secretary worked out the translation of the program. Mr. Nugent mimeographed copies for distribution.

Miss Tsuchida also translated the subjects for daily prayer and we distributed mimeographed copies of this last Sun-

day, so you see we really did carry out the program as you were doing at home.

Twenty-two women attended the meeting, a very good attendance, considering the number of people who were kept at home by sickness. We held the service in the large mat room of the church, the ladies sitting on their little cushions around three sides of the room, while the reading desk and organ occupied the fourth. The organ is a wretched little affair, producing the most unexpected temperamental noises every now and then. However, we wrestled with it to the best of our ability and managed to keep it properly subdued most of the time. Really, I thought it was a wonderful little meeting.

The women were in earnest and seemed so thrilled at the idea of genuine fellowship in prayer with the Christian women in other lands the world over. The prayers they offered were beautiful in spirit. Mrs. Mori gave the talk on "Our Offering of Thanksgiving" and after the meeting they were debating just what they might do in a practical way as a "sign," as they call it, of their thankfulness. I had to return home before I learned their decision.

After the service was over, the ladies served tea and cakes. This proved that they considered it an important meeting. Even the cakes were interesting, for

among others, "cherry cakes" were served. This is a sort of sweet bean paste cake wrapped in a real cherry-tree leaf. In summer when the leaves have fully unfolded, the Japanese women gather perfect ones and put them in

crocks with salt, as we do beans, for instance. Then in winter they are used to wrap around this delicious little soft cake and impart to them a very delicate flavor.

Yours very sincerely,
PEARL GRAUL NUGENT.

EDUCATIONAL ADVANCE IN SOUTH AMERICA

A YEAR ago we were concluding mission study classes in "New Days in Latin America." Today, through the Federation of Women's Boards of Foreign Missions, we have a report dated March 31, stating that the campaign to raise \$2,500,000 for education advance in South America—Latin America's greatest continent—had passed the \$513,000 mark. This campaign is a co-operative effort of the United Christian Missionary Society, the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, the Methodist Episcopal Board and the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, the Committee on Co-operation in Latin America and MacKenzie College for an "inter-continental program of Christian education, social and health instruction" in twelve strategic centers in South America. This program is in response to South America's request for North American co-operation. The money will be used to "strengthen ten outstanding schools and three seminaries, to provide specialists in health, social service, religious education and literature, and to assist in the work among the needy millions of Indians." The leaders of South America, both in the Evangelical Church and outside, have asked our assistance in this task and the institutions which have been selected for co-operative development have the goodwill of all the South American people. Bishop Oldham, in charge of Methodist work in South America, says of this great effort:

"In my lifelong missionary service I have seen nothing more comprehensive, more statesmanlike, more opportune than this united effort on the part of the Christian Churches of the United States to equip in a worthy manner these institutions in South America."

One of the main endeavors under the head of "specialists in health" is to provide nurses who can develop health centers and dispensaries in the needy places. Perhaps this is one of the greatest opportunities of the entire effort.

The Woman's Co-operating Committee, of which Mrs. Moses Charles Migel, a graduate of Santiago College, Chili, is chairman, held a luncheon in November at the Hotel Commodore, New York, at which nearly a thousand women and many men were present. Many prominent South Americans were in attendance. Forty-five thousand dollars was subscribed on this occasion.

Meetings have been held in several cities in the Middle West and during the Spring women's luncheons in Pennsylvania cities have won the interest and enthusiasm of large groups.

The Campaign is not only getting the necessary funds for the Educational Advance in South America but is one more experience in fellowship with sister denominations and one more effort to promote better understanding between the United States and our South American neighbors,

YELLOW CARS

"Your Christian country," said the Chinese girl, "is very funny. Last week I was in Mississippi. Everyone is all upset about me in Mississippi.

"'Here,' said one conductor, 'you can't put her in the Jim Crow car; she's not black.'

"'Well, she's not white,' said the Pullman porter.

"'I don't care,' I said, 'put me somewhere. I am getting very tired.' Everyone came to decide. Where should they put me? Such a hubbub! Such a commotion! I sat on my bag and waited. By and by they put me in the white car.' She laughed. "'Too bad you have no yellow cars. Then your race problem would be all solved, yes?'—*Christian Advocate.*

FRIENDSHIP DOLLS IN JAPAN

"We are very happy. We welcome you. We will take good care of you," said little Toshi Kawamura when she formally accepted one of the Friendship dolls from America. She spoke this before an audience of eight hundred people, consisting of pupils and principals from kindergarten, primary schools, high schools and middle schools of the Iwate Prefecture. They were all seated Japanese fashion on straw matting which had been placed on the floor of the large gymnasium of one of the girls' schools in Morioka.

Two hundred and sixty-three dolls had been sent to Morioka to be distributed to the various schools of Iwate Prefecture. Among them was the doll sent from the Missionary Guild of the First Reformed Church, York, Pa. Sixty of these dolls were arranged on shelves at the front of the room.

After the Japanese National Hymn, the Governor gave the formal welcome to the dolls. He reminded the boys and

girls that these dolls had come from America as messengers of Friendship and Peace. He told the children that when they were grown up they should be friends with the people of America and should endeavor to establish world peace.

Speeches along similar lines were made by the Prefectural Superintendent of Education, the Military Brigade Commander, the principal of the girls' school and others. Mr. Schroer, representing the only American family in Morioka, responded to these speeches, telling the audience that these dolls of Friendship represented the true feeling of America toward Japan, that they had been sent to make Japanese children happy and that it was hoped that Japanese children would have as much joy in receiving them as Americans had in sending them.

After this the Governor presented one doll to Toshi Kawamura as a token of the formal presentation of all the dolls.



AUDIENCE ATTENDING PRESENTATION OF FRIENDSHIP DOLLS, MORIOKA, JAPAN

She accepted it beautifully and responded in the words given in the beginning of this article. Following this a welcome song was sung to the dolls by the pupils. After the meeting the dolls were distributed to the various schools. It was indeed a privilege to have attended such a meeting and we were proud of our good American friends.

CORNELIA R. SCHROER.

Literature Chat

CARRIE M. KERSCHNER

A MORNING paper says, "Perseverance in this business is continual action." If this be true of a leading merchant it is equally true of the Missionary Society. Your purchases make it possible for us to lay in new supplies. We are constantly on the lookout for material which will help you.

The following plan is suggested for the August meeting (no other programs have been provided). Invite the Girls' Missionary Guild and Mission Band, if you have one (if you haven't can't you organize one), to plan with you. Or invite a neighboring society to meet with you. Call your meeting "Missions in (your town)." "The lure of the outdoors is the lure to the spiritual life" (quoted from Handy). Suitable devotions should be planned. Psalm 23. Poem, "Trees," by Joyce Kilmer. Prayer from Calendar. Stereopticon lecture on "Our Winnebago Indians" or a speaker from a neighboring society. Dramatizations of Bible Stories are also appropriate for such a meeting. Recreational activities from Handy, Section F; Summer, 1925 and 1926 (25c each), Kit's, also have splendid suggestions.

Programs, 1927-28

The programs for the Fall of 1927, beginning with September, will be based on the book, "A Straight Way Toward Tomorrow;" 50 cents paper, 75 cents cloth. Packets will be ready early in August. Prices will be quoted in the July Outlook.



GOVERNOR OF IWATE PREFECTURE HANDING FRIENDSHIP DOLL TO TOSHI KAWAMURA

Suggestions of books for regular mission study classes will be given in a later issue. It would be well for all women who are planning to enroll in the Woman's Class at Summer Conferences to purchase their books now and read them before going to the Conference. The book for Mission Bands is entitled "Please Stand By," 50c; for advanced study groups "The Adventure of the Church," 60c. All ready now.

Now is the time to give a pre-Thank-Offering play—Milestones, 15c, 2 for 25c. "Wilma's Four Pennies" has been revised and is priced at 5c. Either are suitable. "The Thank-Offering Box Herald," up to date, sells for 2c, 20c per dozen.

For girls we have the new Initiation Service—free. Girls' Every Day Book, \$1.00. "Rich girl, poor girl, beggar girl, thief, doctor, lawyer, merchant, chief, black girl, white girl, brown girl, red or yellow, are we all really alike inside? Then, how can we get past the different outsides to get acquainted and make the world a happier place for us to live in?" These are questions with which every girl struggles sooner or later. And these are the questions that friends of girls, writing in from all over the world, have taken up in this little

everyday book that comes out, after many calls, as a companion volume to the first "Girl's Year Book," 75c.

Alphabets (2 sets) to play the game "Shuffle Quick," suggested in the Autumn, 1926, Kit, sell for 50c. Spring Kit is 25c. Handy Binders in which you can preserve your Kits are priced at 50c.

Blue Missionary Hymnal is 18c single copies; \$1.80 per dozen.

Eastern and Potomac Synods order from Carrie M. Kerschner, 416 Schaff Bldg., 1505 Race Street, Philadelphia, Pa. All other Synods order from the Woman's Missionary Society, 2969 West 25th Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

Girls' Missionary Guild

MISS HELEN TRESCHER, Secretary

YOU CAN'T BEAT THE DUTCH!

THAT was my conclusion when I read the letter from Mrs. Miles Bradford, Ft. Wayne Classical, G. M. G., secretary, this morning. She was telling me of the lovely banquet the G. M. G. girls had at their classical meeting, April 5th.

It made me think of a little problem in mental arithmetic, so put on your thinking cap, and give me the answer. There were seven Guilds represented and each Guild has a table. Seven tables decorated with long blue streamers, plus one blue and gold windmill in the center of each table, plus little gold nut-cups made to represent wooden shoes at each place, plus a lot of pretty girls wearing blue and gold Dutch caps (some even had long yellow braids of paper for hair), plus enthusiasm, plus speeches, plus songs. What is the answer? It isn't in the back of the book, so I'll tell you. It's bigger and better G. M. G.'s!

Miss Mildred Mollet, a little Dutch maid representing the Summer Missionary Conferences, explained the "why" of them, and the benefits derived. Miss Charlotte Stengel represented the girl

delegate, outlining the duties of a delegate, while attending the Conference and after she returns to the home Guild. Miss Maxine Robb was the "machinery," or the home Guild itself, doing the work which has been suggested by the delegate. To top off the program the new G. M. G. from the Ft. Wayne Orphanage, sang beautifully.

It sounds like one rousing evening, doesn't it? Wouldn't some of you other busy girls like to *try* to beat the Dutch? This will be just a hint for an active G. M. G. to put in their scrapbooks for future reference.

A FRONT LINE GUILD CELEBRATES

The Girls' Missionary Guild of St. John's Reformed Church, Tamaqua, Pa., celebrated its fifth anniversary April 11th. The festivities began with a banquet furnished by members of the

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MEMBERS WITH A PERFECT ATTENDANCE RECORD, G. M. G., ST. JOHN'S, TAMAQUA, PA.

Seated: Miss Olive Reed. Standing: Mrs. Harry Kleckner, Misses Alva Fetterman and Dorothy Gilfert.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES

Annual Report of the Treasurer, May 1, 1926, to May 1, 1927

W. M. S. Budget 1926-1927	Synods	W. M. S. Budget 1926-1927	Specials Home Missions	Specials Foreign Missions	Memberships	Thank Offerings	G. M. G. Budget Paid	Specials Home Missions
\$14,646.60	Eastern	\$1,728.45	\$4,016.28	\$2,946.85	\$1,550.00	\$14,714.59	\$1,892.90	\$54.00
10,274.40	Ohio	1,616.90	4,494.90	1,561.75	650.00	13,898.17	1,673.85	176.20
4,950.00	Pittsburgh	713.00	1,826.93	1,308.23	50.00	4,822.23	732.07	6.50
8,362.80	Potomac	1,087.90	1,237.96	890.76	875.00	7,731.00	1,136.80	33.05
3,065.40	Midwest	642.85	309.83	584.12	125.00	4,396.20	680.87	95.00
889.20	Northwest	240.35	144.90	189.05	50.00	1,643.00	240.35	20.00
1,033.20	German of East	80.50	68.05	798.00	100.00	1,454.75	83.50	
	Special	1,037.70		5.00				
\$43,221.60	Totals	\$6,109.95	\$12,098.85	\$8,283.76	\$3,400.00	\$48,659.94	\$6,442.34	\$384.75

Girls' Missionary Guilds

Synods	Specials Foreign Missions	Thank Offerings	Mission Budget Paid	Specials Home Missions	Specials Foreign Missions	Thank Offerings	Institutes	Totals
Eastern	\$91.75	\$1,360.27	\$788.99	\$40.00	\$154.00	\$580.33	\$73.00	\$43,281.06
Ohio	108.80	1,722.55	386.34	33.00	45.44	514.63	49.00	35,597.33
Pittsburgh	97.30	568.21	190.40	1.78	3.00	224.13	35.00	14,667.17
Potomac	50.00	828.19	251.82	39.30	49.97	242.19	38.00	21,766.84
Midwest	140.55	1,369.67	135.73	15.00	6.00	235.36	48.00	11,266.58
Northwest	39.64	236.34	60.80	3.00	3.00	65.11	7.00	3,589.64
German of East		69.79	37.43			32.67		3,690.89
Totals	\$528.04	\$6,155.02	\$1,851.51	\$132.08	\$261.41	\$1,894.42	\$250.00	\$133,864.51

DISBURSEMENTS

<i>W. M. S. Budget—Foreign Missions</i>	
Miyagi College, Sendai, Japan.....	\$9,821.72
Evangelist, Japan.....	1,601.62
Kindergarten Teachers, Japan.....	816.01
Zitmer School, Yochow, China.....	1,873.71
Girls' School, Shenchow, China.....	2,024.94
Evangelist Yochow, China.....	1,208.74
Medical Worker, Yochow, China.....	846.21
Medical Worker, Shenchow, China.....	846.21
Woman's Industrial Work, Lakeside, China	303.49

Sales—Books	\$3,831.16
Literature	3,128.01
Calendars	2,246.68
Pins	255.95
Pennants	30.80
Costume Rentals	106.32
Interest	5,614.00
Subscriptions— <i>Everyland</i>	175.25
<i>Missionary Review of World</i>	103.50
Keen Refund	65.00
Reddin Refund	5.00
Offerings at Philadelphia	100.65
Toward Helen Trescher's Expenses	5.00
Synodical Subscriptions	14.00
Sale of Thank Offering Boxes	131.41
Refund on Salary	10.00
Savings Account Transfer	100.00
Total Receipts	\$15,952.73
Balance, May 1, 1926	\$149,817.24
	127,096.62
	\$276,913.86

DISBURSEMENTS

Foreign Missions	\$47,985.25
Home Missions	47,674.04
Department of Northwest	3,124.14
Missionary Home	3,695.21
Educational and Contingent Expenses	23,530.56
Balance, May 1, 1927	126,009.20
	\$150,904.66

INVESTMENTS

Loans to Board of Home Missions	\$61,900.00
Loans to Board of Foreign Missions	70,500.00
Savings Account	3,200.00
Cash in Bank	15,304.66
	\$150,904.66

MRS. RICHARD W. HERBSTER, *Treasurer*,
Prospect, Ohio.

On this seventh day of May, 1927,
audited and found correct

MRS. R. H. STRATTON,
BERNICE M. HOWISON,
MRS. T. H. FINEFROCK.

Special Gifts, Foreign Missions	0.10	
Thank Offering	16,747.75	
Scholarship	350.00	\$42,572.08
<i>G. M. G. Budget—Foreign Missions</i>		
Evangelist, Yochow, China	\$1,064.31	
Ziener School, Yochow, China	868.22	
Miyagi College, Sendai, Japan	868.22	
Special Gifts for Foreign Missions	\$2,800.75	
	503.04	3,303.79
<i>Mission Band Budget—Foreign Missions</i>		
Kindergarten, Japan	\$462.87	
Medical Worker, Shenchow, China	462.87	
Special Gifts, Foreign Missions	236.41	
Thank Offering	947.21	2,109.38
Total Gifts for Foreign Missions		\$47,985.25

W. M. S. Budget—Home Missions

American Deaconesses	\$3,626.77	
Hungarian Deaconesses	2,356.34	
San Francisco Worker	1,208.94	
Los Angeles Workers	2,418.05	
Jewish Workers	6,225.99	
Special Gifts, Home Missions	\$15,836.09	
Scholarships	7,670.17	
Thank Offering	600.00	
	20,639.51	\$44,745.77
<i>G. M. G. Budget—Home Missions</i>		
American Deaconess	\$1,260.35	
Jewish Community Work	476.13	
Special Gifts, Home Missions	\$1,736.48	
Thank Offering	186.05	
	250.00	2,172.53

Mission Band Budget—Home Missions

Kindergarten, Los Angeles	\$352.66	
Special Gifts, Home Missions	103.08	
Thank Offering	300.00	
	755.74	
Total Gifts for Home Missions		\$47,674.04

W. M. S. Budget—Department of Northwest

Indian School—Neillsville, Wis.	\$1,089.12	
Special Gifts	337.62	\$1,426.74

G. M. G. Budget—Department of Northwest

Indian School	\$1,064.31	
Special Gifts	40.00	1,104.31
<i>Mission Band Budget—Department of Northwest</i>		
Indian School	\$573.09	
Special Gifts	20.00	593.09

Total Gifts for Department of Northwest		\$3,124.14
Missionary Home, Tiffin, Ohio		3,695.21
Grand Total for Home and Foreign Missions		\$102,468.64

W. M. S. SPECIAL GIFTS

Foreign Missions

Testaments for China.....	\$76.65
Famine Fund in China.....	198.25
Newspaper Evangelism in Japan.....	7.50
Ginling College.....	722.00
Mrs. Hoy's Educational and Industrial Work, China.....	118.86
Education, Japanese Students.....	100.00
Miss Zierdt.....	30.00
Miss Pifer's Church and Gift.....	303.00
Nace Piano Fund.....	132.00
Hospital Equipment.....	225.00
Dr. Schneder's Fund.....	250.00
Miss Minerva Weil.....	25.00
Mrs. Allen K. Faust.....	18.12
Mrs. D. D. Baker.....	25.00
Christmas Gifts for Children.....	169.08
Dr. Marion Firor.....	43.00
Mrs. Christopher Noss.....	55.00
Mrs. T. E. Winter.....	80.00
Education of Chinese Students.....	605.00
Rev. and Mrs. C. B. Alspach.....	10.00
Dolls for Japan.....	10.00
Rev. Miura's Work, Sakata, Japan.....	84.60
Rev. and Mrs. Staudt.....	105.00
Miss Traub.....	5.00
Rev. H. K. Miller's Work.....	100.00
Rev. Ward Hartman's Work.....	36.40
Mrs. Davis.....	5.00
Dr. D. L. Schneller.....	15.00
Yaukey Fund.....	250.00
Bible Women, Japan.....	165.00
Miss Ammerman.....	25.00
Miss Messimer's Support.....	200.00
Ransom Fund.....	10.00
Esther Sellemeyer.....	10.00
Mesopotamia.....	10.00
Rev. Alfred Ankeney.....	50.00
Bible Woman in China.....	25.00
Kindergarten in Japan.....	5.00
Near East Relief.....	96.70
Foreign Board Jubilee.....	1,360.60
Foreign Missions.....	227.00
Return of Missionaries from China.....	50.00
Federation of W. B. F. M.....	69.92
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Balance carried May 1, 1926.....	\$300.00
Synodical Receipts.....	8,283.76
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	\$8,583.76

Transferred

Gertrude Hoy's Dormitory.....	\$300.00
Dormitory, Japan.....	15.00
Woman's Hospital.....	15.00
Men's Wing, Hospital, China.....	2,122.08
Disbursed.....	6,131.68
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	\$8,583.76

Home Missions

Sherman, California.....	\$127.00
Los Angeles, California.....	1,398.50
Home for Aged.....	95.00
Fort Wayne Orphans' Home.....	78.00
St. Louis Hebrew Mission.....	10.00
Tuition for Mae Horn.....	600.00
Linen for Heidelberg College.....	229.00
Silver Anniversary, Building Fund.....	500.00
Barberton Church Benevolence.....	40.00
Anna L. Miller Conference.....	37.50
Catawba College.....	38.50
Reformed House, Chautauqua, N. Y.....	247.50
Mrs. Wolfe, Kentucky.....	10.00
Phoebe Deaconess Home.....	130.00
Council of Women for H. M.....	243.61
St. James' Church Allentown.....	153.50
Bethel Community Center.....	130.00
Anna Shattuck, Kentucky.....	13.00
Evangelistic Campaign, St. Louis.....	10.00
Rev. Kowta San Francisco.....	5.00
Hungarian Work.....	45.05
Cochran, Wisconsin.....	30.00
Florida Relief.....	10.00
Nelson Schlegel.....	2.50
Dixie Sharpe.....	15.00
Home Board Anniversary.....	2,636.26
Hoffman Orphanage.....	175.00
St. Paul's Orphanage.....	10.00
Bethany Orphans' Home.....	50.00
Rev. Wm. Miller, Covington, Ky.....	19.00
Leper Fund, Cincinnati, Ohio.....	60.40
Community House, East Akron.....	190.62

Rev. Weidler, Canada.....	10.00
Rev. Jason Hoffman, Canada.....	10.00
Mission House.....	10.00
Council of Churches, Pittsburgh.....	69.85
Ministerial Relief.....	10.00
American Bible Society.....	5.00
Bible Teacher, Kenmore, Ohio.....	10.00
Wayside Mission, Canton, Ohio.....	50.00
Bibles, Dr. Christman.....	25.00
Wooster Church Benevolence.....	50.00
Home Missions.....	108.20
Balance carried May 1, 1926.....	5.00
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Synodical Receipts for Year.....	\$11,711.23
Total Disbursed.....	7,697.99
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	\$4,013.24

Transferred

Potomac Scholarship Fund.....	\$481.43
Girls' Dormitory, Neillsville, Wis.....	15.00
Missionary Home, Tiffin, Ohio.....	3,516.81
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	\$4,013.24

Department of Northwest

W. M. S. Budget.....	\$1,089.12
Special Gifts.....	337.62
G. M. G. Budget.....	1,064.31
Special Gifts.....	40.00
Mission Band Budget.....	573.09
Specials.....	20.00
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Receipts for Department of Northwest..	\$3,124.14

LIFE AND IN MEMORIAM MEMBERSHIP FUND

Balance carried May 1, 1926.....	\$29,532.00
Membership Fees Received.....	3,400.00
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Total Amount in Fund, May 1, 1927....	\$32,932.00

SPECIAL CHURCH BUILDING FUNDS

To Balance carried, May 1, 1926.....	\$534.28
Potomac Silver Anniversary Fund.....	500.00
Daniel Leader Church Building Fund.....	50.00
Interest Earned.....	26.71
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	\$1,110.99

Disbursed

Silver Anniversary Building Fund.....	500.00
Balance carried, May 1, 1927.....	\$610.99
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	\$1,110.99

Balance Itemized

Allen Hartman Fund.....	\$45.37
Tohickon Classis Fund.....	378.80
West Susquehanna Fund.....	8.85
Potomac Synod Fund.....	87.44
Midwest Synod Fund.....	26.01
Ohio Synod Fund.....	14.52
Daniel Leader Fund.....	50.00
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	\$610.99

MISSIONARY HOME, TIFFIN, OHIO

Transferred from Special Gifts for Home Missions:	
W. M. S. Ohio Synod.....	\$3,516.81
W. M. S. Midwest Synod.....	18.70
G. M. G. Ohio Synod.....	158.70
Mission Band, Ohio Synod.....	1.00
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Total Paid to Mrs. M. Accola, Treasurer	\$3,695.21

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

General Scholarship Fund

Balance carried, May 1, 1926.....	\$6,239.26
Interest Credited.....	300.00
Mrs. Forrest Keen Refund.....	65.00
Mrs. Rosina Reddin Refund.....	5.00
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	\$6,609.26

Disbursed

Edna Martin, School Expenses.....	\$300.00
Ruth Kalassy, School Expenses.....	250.00
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	550.00

Balance carried, May 1, 1927..... \$6,059.26

Elvira S. Yockey Scholarship Fund

Balance carried, May 1, 1926.....	\$6,126.25
Interest Credited.....	312.38
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	\$6,434.63

Disbursed

Susan Toth, School Expenses.....	\$300.00	
Helen Ammerman, School Expenses	50.00	
Ruth Kalassy, School Expenses.....	50.00	
		400.00

Balance carried, May 1, 1927..... \$6,034.63

Potomac Synod Scholarship Fund

Balance carried, May 1, 1926.....	\$619.15
Receipts from Potomac Synodical.....	504.53
Interest Credited	30.96

Balance carried, May 1, 1927..... \$1,154.64

W. M. S. THANK OFFERING FUND

Vornholt Memorial Building and Books...	\$2,272.75
General Maintenance, Ziemer School, Yochow	4,000.00
Christian Literature in Foreign Lands....	125.00
Mesopotamia	500.00
Ginling College	250.00
Wurfel Residence, Japan.....	9,000.00
Transferred to Kindergarten and Woman's Building	7,500.00
Educational Aid, Miss Hansen.....	300.00
Educational Aid, Miss Lindsey.....	300.00

Total Disbursed for Foreign Missions..	\$24,247.75
Church Building Funds.....	\$1,309.54
American Deaconesses	2,400.00
Hungarian Deaconesses	4,078.00
Catawba College	5,000.00
Transferred to Girls' Dormitory Fund, Neillville	5,000.00
Church Building Funds.....	7,251.97
Educational Aid, Irene Tarozaly.....	300.00
Educational Aid, Elizabeth Molnar.....	300.00

Total Disbursed for Home Missions.... \$25,639.51

Balances, May 1,			
Home			
Foreign			
Totals			
1926	\$ 1,309.54	\$ 2,272.75	\$ 3,582.29
Synodical Receipts, 24,329.97	24,329.97		48,659.94
Totals	\$25,639.51	\$26,602.72	\$52,242.23
Disbursed	25,639.51	24,247.75	49,887.26

Balances, May 1, 1927 \$2,354.97 \$2,354.97

INTEREST FUND

Interest Earned, May 1, 1926 to May 1, 1927	\$5,614.00
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Credited to Following Funds

Contingent and Educational Fund..	\$4,943.95
General Scholarship Fund.....	300.00
Elvira S. Yockey Scholarship Fund	312.38
Potomac Scholarship Fund.....	30.96
Special Church Building Funds..	26.71
	\$5,614.00

W. M. S. BUDGET

Synodical Receipts for the Year..... \$43,522.39

Disbursements

Foreign Mission Board..	\$19,342.65
Home Mission Board..	15,836.09
Dept. of Northwest....	1,089.12

Total for Missions.....\$36,267.86

Transferred

Contingent Fund	\$2,418.18
Educational Fund	4,836.35
	7,254.53
	\$43,522.39

G. M. G. BUDGET

Synodical Receipts for the Year..... \$6,442.34

Disbursements

Foreign Mission Board. \$2,800.74	
Home Mission Board.. 1,736.48	
Dept. of Northwest.... 1,064.31	

Total for Missions.....\$5,601.53

Transferred

Contingent Fund	\$280.27
Educational Fund	560.54
	840.81
	\$6,442.34

G. M. G. THANK OFFERING

Balance carried, May 1, 1926.....	\$5,039.49
Receipts During Year.....	6,155.02
	\$11,194.51

Disbursed

Migrant Work	\$250.00
Transferred to 'Girls' Dormitory Fund, Wis.	5,039.49
Transferred to 'Girls' Dormitory Fund, Wis.	5,905.02
	\$11,194.51

G. M. G. SPECIAL GIFTS

Foreign Missions

Newspaper Evangelism in Japan.....	\$7.50
Famine Fund, China.....	15.00
Nace Floor Mats.....	5.00
Mrs. D. D. Baker.....	5.00
Mrs. Annetta Winter.....	13.10
Miss Pifer's Work.....	17.30
Industrial Work, China.....	43.05
Miyagi College, Japan.....	30.00
Miss Traub	16.75
Dolls for Japan.....	40.00
Miss Zierdt	2.50
Mrs. Davis	2.50
Elizabeth Miller	25.00
Esther Sellemeyer	10.00
Education of Chinese Girls.....	60.00
Rev. G. W. Schroer.....	10.00
Ransom Fund	5.00
Ziemer School, Yochow, China.....	10.00
Yaukey Fund	25.00
Hikutara Yoshida Gift.....	10.00
Mrs. Staudt, Baghdad.....	10.00
Foreign Missions	45.70
Foreign Board Jubilee.....	94.64

Receipts for the Year.....	\$503.04
Total Disbursed	\$528.04
	503.04

Transferred

Men's Wing, Thank Offering Hospital.... \$25.00

G. M. G. SPECIAL GIFTS

Home Missions

Linen for Heidelberg College.....	\$5.00
Nazareth Orphans' Home.....	9.95
Los Angeles, California.....	10.00
Sherman, California	5.00
Reformed Church House, Chatauqua, N. Y.	2.50
Miss Anna Shattuck, Ky.....	5.00
Ft. Wayne Orphans' Home.....	40.00
St. Paul's Orphans' Home.....	3.00
Nelsen Schlegel	2.50
Rev. H. O. Burkett.....	5.00
Rev. C. J. Weidler.....	10.00
Rev. Jason Hoffman.....	10.00
Rev. E. A. Katterhenry.....	10.00
Indian School	40.00
Home Board Anniversary.....	19.00
Home Missions	26.00
Jewish Community Work.....	5.00

\$207.95

Balance carried, May 1, 1926.....	\$52.50
Receipts for Year.....	384.45

Total Disbursed

\$229.00

Transferred

Missionary Home Tiffin, Ohio.....	\$158.70
Potomac Scholarship Fund.....	18.10
Girls' Dormitory, Neillville, Wis....	52.20
	\$229.00

MISSION BAND BUDGET

Synodical Receipts for the Year..... \$1,851.51

Disbursed

Foreign Mission Board.....	\$925.75
Home Mission Board.....	352.66
Dept. of Northwest.....	573.09
Total Disbursed	\$1,851.51

MISSION BAND SPECIAL GIFTS

Foreign Missions

Famine Fund, China.....	\$10.00
Kindergarten Work, Japan.....	123.86
Near East Relief.....	70.00
Medical Work, Shenchow.....	13.55
Foreign Missions.....	12.00
Foreign Board Jubilee.....	1.00
Sub. to Happy Childhood.....	1.00
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	\$235.41

Transferred to Kindergarten Bldg. Fund 25.00

Total Receipts \$260.41

MISSION BAND SPECIAL GIFTS

Home Missions

Interest Fund, Salem, Allentown.....	\$5.00
Indian School.....	20.00
Kindergarten Work.....	61.80
Ft. Wayne Orphans' Home.....	3.00
Bethel Community Center.....	5.00
Home Missions.....	28.28
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	\$123.08

Total Received During the Year..... \$133.08

Total Disbursed..... 123.08

\$10.00

Transferred

Missionary Home, Tiffin, Ohio.....	\$1.00
Girls' Dormitory, Neillsville.....	4.00
Potomac Scholarship Fund.....	5.00
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	\$10.00

MISSION BAND THANK OFFERING

Receipts During the Year..... \$1,894.42

Disbursed

Foreign, Kindergarten, Japan.....	\$947.21
Home, Kindergarten, Los Angeles.....	300.00
Home, Transferred, Girls' Dormi- tory, Neillsville, Wis.....	647.21
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	\$1,894.42

WOMAN'S THANK OFFERING
HOSPITAL, YOCHOW, CHINA

Total carried, May 1, 1926.....	\$25,687.87
Transferred from Special Gifts.....	10.00
Paid to Foreign Board for En- dowment.....	2,038.87
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	\$27,736.74
Total Fund Woman's Thank Offering Hospital.....	<hr/>
	\$27,736.74

MEN'S WING, THANK OFFERING
HOSPITAL

Total carried, May 1, 1926.....	\$18,704.57
Transferred from W. M. S. Spe- cial Gifts.....	2,122.08
Transferred from G. M. G. Spe- cial Gifts.....	25.00
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	\$20,851.65

Total Amount General Thank Offering
Hospital..... \$48,588.39KINDERGARTEN AND WOMAN'S
BUILDING, SENDAI, JAPAN

Transferred from: Mission Band Special Gifts.....	\$25.00
W. M. S. Special Gifts.....	15.00
W. M. S. Thank Offering.....	7,500.00
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	\$7,540.00

Total carried, May 1, 1926..... 11,341.92

Total carried, May 1, 1927..... \$18,881.92

Paid to Foreign Mission Board..... 1,565.92

Total Amount in Kindergarten and
Woman's Building..... \$20,447.84EVANGELISTIC AND INDUSTRIAL
BUILDINGS, LAKESIDE, CHINA

Total carried, May 1, 1926..... \$7,212.38

Paid to Foreign Mission Board..... 491.87

Total..... \$7,704.25

KINDERGARTEN BUILDING,
YOCHOW, CHINA

Amount carried, May 1, 1927..... \$5,014.99

CONTINGENT AND EDUCATIONAL
FUND

Receipts

Balance carried.....	\$7,104.97
Sales—Books.....	3,831.16
Literature.....	3,128.01
Calendars.....	2,246.68
Pins.....	265.95
Pennants.....	30.80
Costume Rental.....	106.32
Interest.....	4,943.95
Subscriptions— <i>Everyland</i>	175.25
<i>Missionary Review</i> <i>of World</i>	103.50
Offerings at Philadelphia.....	100.65
Institutes.....	250.00
W. M. S. Budget.....	7,254.53
G. M. G. Budget.....	840.80
Sale of Thank Offering Boxes.....	151.41
Refund on Salary.....	10.00
Helen Trescher's Expenses.....	5.00
Synodical Subscriptions.....	14.00
Refund on Savings Account.....	100.00
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	\$30,662.98

Disbursements

Carrie M. Kerschner, Executive Secretary, Salary.....	\$1,775.00
Office Rent.....	509.88
Books and Office Expense.....	5,929.33
Esther Bauer, Philadelphia Office, Salary.....	1,070.00
Greta P. Hinkle, Lit. and Student Secretary, Salary.....	1,400.08
Helen Trescher, Field Secretary, G. M. G. and M. B. Salary.....	1,166.75
Annetta H. Winter, Field Secretary, G. M. G. and M. B., Salary..	233.34
Marie Hilty, Tiffin Office, Salary..	115.00
Marceda Ruetenik, Cleveland Office, Salary.....	650.00
Rent at Tiffin.....	24.00
Rent at Cleveland and Telephone.	144.00
Institute Expenses.....	470.93
Subscriptions— <i>Everyland</i>	164.25
<i>Missionary Review</i> <i>of World</i>	89.30
Expenses of General Synodical and Cabinet Meetings, Philadelphia, 1926.....	1,616.88
Books and Office Expenses at Tiffin.....	41.69
Books and Office Expenses at Cleveland, Including Removal from Tiffin to Cleveland.....	429.98
Expenses of Secretary of Printing and Printing.....	5,007.44
Officers' and Secretaries' Expenses Premium for Treasurer's Surety Bond.....	30.00
Flowers for Dr. Hoy.....	20.45
Davton Paper Novelty Co., Thank Offering Boxes.....	447.74
Bronze Tablets for Elizabeth Con- rad Zartman Hall.....	45.00
Dues for Federation of W. B. F. M.....	75.00
Dues for Council of Women for Home Missions.....	25.00
Committee of Reference and Counsel.....	100.00
Expenses of Representatives: Wilson.....	106.24
Winona.....	70.18
Tiffin.....	18.40
Chautauqua.....	55.87
Home and Foreign Boards.....	442.75
Interdenominational Boards and Committees.....	369.98
Educational Commission.....	164.96
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	23,530.56

Balance carried, Educational and Contingent
Fund May 1, 1927..... \$7,132.42

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Woman's Missionary Society, at which the girls of the catechetical class and Mrs. Geo. W. Butz, G. M. G. Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Society of Schuylkill Classes, were invited guests.

The banquet room was beautifully decorated with the G. M. G. colors—blue and gold. These same colors were carried out in the favors, birthday cake and candles. Appropriate songs and cheers enlivened the occasion.

Following the banquet, everyone in attendance marched to the Sunday School room singing "Follow the Glean." Miss Myrtle Templin was the leader for the regular monthly meeting and conducted the program. The history of St. John's G. M. G. was given by Miss Pauline Zehner. In recognition for regular attendance the counselor, Mrs. Minnie A. Reitz, presented copies of "Golden Thoughts—Noble Thoughts" to each of the following, who had not missed a meeting during the past year: Mrs. Harry Kleckner, Misses Alva Fetterman, Dorothy Gilfert and Olive Reed. Mrs. Reitz also conducted the study hour in "Young Islam on Trek."

Mrs. Butz gave a brief talk, complimenting the members of the Guild for the fine work they had accomplished in maintaining the position of Front Line for five years. A social hour concluded the evening.

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Hour, there will be a class on "Missions and World Problems," conducted by Dr. A. V. Casselman; the woman's book will be taught by Miss Carrie M. Kerschner; a special class in Sunday School Methods will be led by Miss Margaret R. Motter; a class for intermediates and intermediate leaders will be led by Miss Alliene S. DeChant; the children's book will be taught by Miss Edna Martin. The Institute Hour for women, young people and children will be conducted by Miss Carrie M. Kerschner, Miss Alliene S. DeChant, Miss Edna Martin. The platform meetings will be addressed by Rev. Carl D. Kriete, of Japan; Miss Gertrude B. Hoy, of China; Dr. Allen R. Bartholomew and Dr. A. V. Casselman, of Philadelphia. On Friday evening in Henzel Auditorium the pageant entitled, "The

Historical Pageant of the Reformed Church" will be presented by a group of Lancaster churches.

Information concerning the *Catawba and Mission House Conferences* may be secured from their chairmen: Rev. Milton Whitener, High Point, North Carolina, and Rev. Paul Grosshuesch, Sheboygan, Wis.

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thoughts but my innermost feelings—and I trust that you will receive this letter as coming from one who warmly loves you, takes a deep interest in you and in your family. May the Lord of all Grace and Wisdom be a very present help to you now and always."

That he counts on the missionaries for his "very present help" is evidenced by this high testimony: "One thing," he writes, "which always steadies me in my faith and upholds me in times of distress, is the hope and courage that the missionaries display when all seems dark in their presence."

"No missionary," he has just written, "should regard his work as lost, even though he must leave under the present critical conditions. A new day for China will surely dawn and the night of suspense must spend itself. God is our refuge and strength. Let us trust in Him whatever may befall us." So great is his faith.

"The Heart of Him"—The heart of Him.

ALLIENE S. DE CHANT.

"Eternal light, eternal light,
How pure the soul must be,
When placed within Thy searching sight,
It shrinks not, but with calm delight
Can live and look on Thee!"

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